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IT gets Babauta endorsement

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Former governor Juan N. Babauta has officially endorsed the candidacy of Gov. Eloy S. Inos for the Nov. 21 runoff election for governor.

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"The people have made a decision. It quite firmly and overwhelmingly says that they want to keep the present administration under Gov. Inos. The mandate of the people is always

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Autopsy of slain farmers now done

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Guam chief medical examiner Dr. Aurelio Espinola already did an autopsy on the two murdered Chinese farmers, whose bodies were dumped at the old airport runway in Koblerville last Nov. 2.

Department of Public Safety police information officer Travis Hurst confirmed yesterday.

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NMC puts off tuition hike

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Students at the Northern Marianas College have been spared tuition increases for spring semester 2015. The hike would have raised tuition by 35 percent.

In a special Board of Regents meeting on Friday, the board chose not to follow through with the proposed increases for the spring

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AWAODORI FESTIVAL

Tokyo Tensuien kimono dancers perform for visitors at Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan lobby on Saturday. The visiting group, together with the Saipan Awaodori Team, later performed at the Paseo de Marianas with the staging of the 7th Saipan Awaodori Festival.

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Kilili: Obama will issue EO on immigration next month

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) expects President Barack Obama to issue an executive order on immigration reform

in December.

"I think that there are certain things that will be done, [but] we just have to wait until the election is over. As I understand it, [the EO on immigration reform] will come out before the holidays, the holiday being Christ-

mas because elections in the country will not end until Dec. 6," he told *Saipan Tribune* after voting at Garapan Elementary School last Nov. 4.

In an earlier interview, Sablan said that immigration reform

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Public forum on asylum on Nov. 19

Pacific Ombudsman for Humanitarian Law announces to the general public that a public forum will be held on Nov. 19, 2014, at 6:30pm in Suite 101, first floor, NW front of the Marianas Business Plaza in Susupe, to discuss protection and political asylum in the CNMI.

Attorney Pamela Brown Blackburn, former Federal Ombudsman, CNMI Attorney General and president of POHL, will highlight Public Law 110-229 and Section 208 (asylum) of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 2008, specifically on how aliens may apply for political asylum status in the CNMI.

Under current law, aliens present in the CNMI may begin to apply for asylum on Jan. 1, 2015. Under current law, and consistent with U.S. treaty obligations, aliens subject to removal from the CNMI could continue to

seek withholding or deferral of removal because of threat of persecution or torture in their home countries. Without the passage of an amendment to Public Law 110-229 by the U.S. Congress, political asylum protections offered to alien within the states and Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, aliens with similar well-founded fear of returning to their home countries will enjoy those same protections as of Jan. 1, 2015.

The Pacific Ombudsman for Humanitarian Law is a non-profit organization that continues to serve displaced workers and non-citizens or citizens and resident locals with services including legal services for victims of abuse, translation services, social services referral, immigration assistance, training and public outreach campaign management. (POHL)

Babauta told to pay ex-wife \$800 monthly

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Superior Court Judge Pro Tempore Timothy H. Bellas yesterday ordered former governor Juan N. Babauta to pay his former wife, Diana Chong, \$800 a month.

Bellas issued the order after hearing Chong's motion for an order in aid of judgment to collect from Babauta a court judgment of about \$80,000 in spousal support, child support payments, and others.

Babauta appeared in court with his counsel, Stephen Nutting. Chong appeared with her counsel, Michael Dotts.

Babauta at first agreed to talk to reporters after the hearing but, after talking with his counsel for several minutes, he later told the media he will not comment as negotiations are still ongoing between him and Chong.

Dotts told *Saipan Tribune* that Bellas' interim order directed Babauta to pay \$800 a month and that \$500 of that is for spousal support. The remaining \$300 a month will be applied to court judgment in the total amount of \$80,000.

"The \$300 a month that ap-

plies to the judgment won't even cover the interest. However, he's got no income right now, presently he's unemployed," the lawyer said, referring to the former governor.

Dotts said they're disappointed with the amount. "Eight hundred dollars is really small," he said.

The lawyer said they are, however, pleased to finally have a judge since filing the motion in January. "It took us this long to get a judge because the judges all found reasons to recuse themselves," Dotts said.

Now that they have a judge, he said they have a little bit of money each month and they can proceed with selling some of Babauta's property to get the whole amount paid.

Dotts said if they can't work on something else for the full payment of what Babauta owes, they will be looking at filing a writ of execution.

With the writ of execution, they will try to have the court sell some of Babauta's property "because he does have a lot of property," Dotts said.

Babauta and Chong reportedly separated in 2002. They have a son who is now 22 years old.

AMP's tennis courts now open

Tennis courts of the American Memorial Park are now open.

An AMP staff confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* said that the tennis courts officially re-opened last Saturday, Nov. 8. The tennis courts are open from 6am to 9:30pm.

AMP closed down the tennis courts in April for renovation.

According to AMP staff, NPS Pacific West Regional Civil Engineer Scott Henrickson came to Saipan and gave the approval for the tennis courts to re-open.

Earlier NPS reported that the original concept on the rehabilitation of the tennis courts was for the entry of the tennis courts to be placed approximately 100 feet west of the Middle Road and Micro Beach Road intersection. The tennis courts' access point was later relocated some 200 feet west of the Middle Road and Micro Beach Road.

Earnings from the AMP trust fund helped fund the project. (Jayson Camacho)

Girl, 14, testifies how she was sexually abused 4 times

A jury trial began yesterday in Superior Court in the case against a 38-year-old man accused of fondling a then-12-year-old girl four times on Saipan sometime in 2012.

The alleged victim, who is now 14 years old, was the government's first witness yesterday in the trial of Carlos Ketebebang.

The victim testified how Ketebebang fondled her breasts four times between August and September 2012.

When *Saipan Tribune* left the courtroom yesterday afternoon, defense counsel Colin Thompson was still cross-examining the girl.

Ketebebang is on trial for four counts of sexual abuse of

a minor in the second degree and four counts of disturbing the peace.

In the government's opening statements, assistant attorney general Graef Clayton said Ketebebang took advantage of the girl's vulnerability because the girl's grandmother was dying in the hospital when the sexual abuse happened.

Clayton said the first incident occurred in the latter part of August 2012 when Ketebebang suddenly grabbed the girl's right breast while he was fixing her laptop.

Later that day, Clayton said, Ketebebang asked the girl to help him cook a meal in the kitchen, then he bear hugged her and touched her right breast.

In September 2012, Ketebebang asked the girl again to help him cook a meal, then touched her breast under her shirt, the prosecutor said.

Clayton said the defendant again touched the girl's breasts under her shirt sometime in September 2012 or during her grandmother's funeral.

The prosecutor said the girl finally gained the courage to speak up about the sexual abuse to a school staff in September 2012.

In the defense's opening statements, Thompson said the case is all about accusations. He said the girl was inconsistent in her statements to police.

Thompson said he does not believe that the jurors will hear corroborating evidence to support the girl's statements.

The defense lawyer noted that there is no DNA, fingerprints, photographs or other physical evidence to support the girl's statements.

"It's all accusations," he added.

In her testimony, the girl said the first time Ketebebang touched her breast made her feel very uncomfortable. She said the defendant touched her breast again for about two to three seconds while she was cutting onion in the kitchen.

The girl said the third time, Ketebebang rubbed her right

breast for about three to four seconds while she was helping him cook.

She said the fourth incident happened while she was washing her hands in the kitchen, when the defendant squeezed her breast.

The girl said she did not report the incidents because she was scared that Ketebebang's wife will get mad at her.

She revealed the sexual abuse after a school staff noticed a red mark or a hickey on her neck in September 2012. She then confessed to police that Ketebebang touched her several times in August and September 2012.

Assistant attorney general Chester Hinds is assisting Clayton at the trial. Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho is presiding over the trial. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

Muña: Incoming financial team will get billings to patients faster

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With a candidate already chosen to become its financial chief and a financial management contractor hired to assist the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., patients of the Commonwealth Health Center will now start seeing faster and accurate billings.

"The incoming financial team will be a big help especially with the possibility of billing customers easier and faster and customers billing will be more accurate," said CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muña.

With the selection of a chief financial officer and a contract signed with Pacific Island Health Officer Association or PIHOA, the search for a controller will complement the hospital's longstanding problem with finances, Muña said.

This is on top of the financial team that Gov. Eloy S. Inos earlier provided to the corporation to help with its finances. Muña told *Saipan Tribune* the whole process is going well.

Muña said the contractor that PIHOA hired to help CHCC has full financial management experience as a financial chief.

"This will help because PIHOA will be making sure that the financial statements are there such as foundations and business plans. The focus here is to get them to work quickly because it is a short contract," Muña said.

"Basically we have this financial team that we will be expecting in the next few months and the idea is for them to try to help us and fix the hospital financially," she added.

Muña said she is glad PIHOA came in and that they have finally selected a CFO candidate.

"This hasn't happened before. We never had this much help and, in addition, these are [with] the support of mostly grants," she said.

She declined to identify the new CFO candidate for now.

The financial team will also help support with transitioning the electronic health record system to the outpatient clinic of the Commonwealth Health Center.

"We have the EHR already in the in-patient side and [we're] working to move it into the outpatient. This will help because you can't bill the patient for things you didn't provide, so if you have it electronically it will be quicker," Muña said.

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Some students are falling through cracks at NMI Scholarship Office

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Some college students have found their experience with the CNMI Scholarship Office to be less than satisfactory.

Elvymae Sablan, a student at DeVry University, said she was denied a scholarship because she was told that she missed the Sept. 30 deadline to submit her documents. However, she said she submitted her documents on Sept. 23.

The office's denial letter also cited her failure to meet the office's required cumulative grade point average of 2.75. However, she said her most recent GPA is above this mark.

"I paid for my educational expense in the summer, fall, and spring of 2013 and 2014 at the DeVry University, achieving a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or greater. My most recent GPA should have reinstated my educational credibility to compete and receive the scholarship. I'm convinced that the [scholarship] board adjudicated my appeal results solely on my cumulative GPA from Tacoma Community College," she said. Her TCC GPA was 2.65 from 2005.

The Scholarship Office has yet to respond to *Saipan Tribune's* queries as of press time.

A Northern Marianas College student who spoke on the condition of anonymity said she was

initially denied on the ground that she did not turn her papers in on time. She, however, contested the denial letter and proved she did turn in her documents by the office's deadline.

According to her, the office told her that her documents were received and the issue was cleared. But when the scholarships were disbursed this semester, the student said she was not awarded one.

She said the office told her she was ineligible for the scholarship. She had been in college more than the period of time covered by it.

In an interview, she said she thought the decision was justified but the timing "poor." She hoped that there would be better communication with other students.

One father said his son, an off-island student, was denied on the ground that he was not a resident of the CNMI, despite earlier submitting a U.S. passport and birth certificate.

His son left for school this year. On his son's behalf, the father turned in a voter's certificate from the Commonwealth Election Commission this semester. The son had been a registered voter since 2012, the father said.

However, according to the father, the son was denied near the scholarship's deadline. His son sent an email to the office with no reply, according to the dad.

They chose not to contest the issue as they felt it a moot point.

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JKPL has new teen book club

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The Joeten Kiyu Public Library launched a brand new Teen Book Club last Friday. Called the "The Page Turners," it is being coordinated by JKPL's technical services librarian Rosalyn Ajoste.

Ajoste said the first session drew about 10 students—mostly girls from Marianas High School—while others expressed a desire to join in the coming weeks.

The book club is both for

boys and girls and is open to all young adults with ages 12 to 18 from all public and private schools in the CNMI. Home-schooled students are also welcome to participate.

The meetings will be held every Friday from 3:30pm to 4:30pm at the Pacific Room of JKPL.

"The book club is an example of new library programming aimed at promoting literacy among teenagers. JKPL unveiled the idea for the book club during its recent celebration of Teen Read Week Cel-

ebration," Ajoste said.

The Teen Read Week Celebration was held from Oct. 12 to Oct. 18. Ajoste said this year's theme was "Turn Dreams Into Reality."

For the book club's first venture, JKPL purchased 20 copies of the novel *Divergent* by Veronica Roth.

"Using a formal discussion guide, each of the members of the club will take turns leading a group discussion that delves into key concepts, controversial issues, motifs and themes raised by the dystopian nov-

el," she said.

Ajoste noted that discussions can range from weeks to months.

"Once a book is finished, the group then decides together on what novel they would like to read next," she said.

Ajoste cited research that shows that book clubs provide enrichment for teens by turning reading into a social activity. Teens improve overall reading fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension as they analyze character motivations and question storylines.

"Book clubs also build confidence and develop leadership skills. They offer a safe environment for teenagers to practice public speaking and conflict resolution and hopefully

they build lifelong friendships in the process," she said.

For more information on JKPL's programs or activities call 235-7329 or email them at thesaipanlibrarian@gmail.com

ASNMC hopes to close out semester strong

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On top of their recent Halloween photo booth success, Riya Nathrani, president of the Associated Students of the Northern Marianas College, is planning even more events to close out the semester.

"We are planning to do a Spir-

it Week for College Month and designate a certain theme for each day. For example, Monday will be Hi-5 Day, Tuesday is Face Paint Day, and Wednesday is Celebrity/Superhero Day," she said.

She said ASNMC hopes this will allow students to get involved and have fun and get creative this month.

"As for December, we would like to have another photo booth because our Halloween one was quite successful and we find this to be a great way for students to capture their college experiences and keep these memories with them after they have graduated," she said.

The booth gave students the option of getting printout or

digital copies of their photos, she said.

Nathrani is this school year's ASNMC's president, along with newcomers Salvi Villanueva as vice president, Andrew Villanueva as secretary, and Roman Tudela as treasurer.

Adrian Pangelinan, Keisuke Yoshida, and Guadalupe Camacho are ASNMC's senators.

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semester. The tuition hike had been proposed along with a 57-percent increase in fees.

In an interview, board chair Frank Rabauliman said the decision was to make sure the college "exhausts all other opportunities" first.

He said the decision to raise tuition was "not an easy task" and would have to be justified.

"We need to be very cautious with our review. Students are our first and foremost concern," he said.

A tuition increase would be on the shoulders of the students, he added.

According to him, the last tuition increase occurred back in 2005. The proposed increase this year was at the request of college administration, he said.

One reason given was that the college compared its average salaries for personnel with peer institutions and saw that their salaries were "way off," he said.

With the decision, Rabauliman said the college now has more time to review other funding options such as grants from the Office of Insular Affairs for technical assistance or personnel.

It was reported to the board that none of the college's major programs in nursing, education, and business avail of federal funds. The board has tasked the college to look into federal funding sources for these programs, according to Leo Pangelinan, dean of Student Service.

Riya Nathrani, president of the Associated Students of NMC, said she supported the board's decision for further review. Nathrani has protested the hikes on behalf of the student body.

"This will give students more time to take it in. They can use next semester to plan ahead for their financial needs. Students will be much more prepared. I think the board made a good decision," she said.

Cost-savings

William Torres, chairman of the

fiscal committee, said until the college can realize internal cost-savings and tap into external funds, the raising of tuition rates is "premature."

Essentially the college has to recalibrate the way it spends it funds, he said, and report a "picture of its financial needs" to the board for its program and activities before tuition can be raised.

Until now, he said, the college does not have on record "net instructional costs" for its programs and activities.

"It is premature to increase tuition at the level it's being requested," he said.

How the college pays for its instructional overloads need to be looked at, he said. Right now payments are based on employee rates rather than through independent contract.

The latter, he said, would save 30 percent off the regular overload costs.

The college must also look at its utilities cost, he said, with over a half a million spent on utilities.

Savings will come from more efficient upgrades to their facilities. He reported that a \$300,000 bid for energy-efficient air-conditioning would soon be awarded.

Torres expects the board to look at the tuition issue again in the summer.

"Until the college provides all sufficient information, the board has very little foundation to make this decision," he said.

Most of the proposed use of funds from an increased tuition is for non-instructional services. He said the board is "quite concerned" with this fact.

He said in the future the college might need to engage an independent outside firm for an "operational efficiency and effectiveness management audit."

Something like this, he said, would help align the structure and services of the college.

Academic programs and activities might also have to be "rebalanced" to better serve the mission of the college, he added.

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through an executive order is inevitable before the end of the year.

"Obviously the President will probably sometime after Dec. 6 issue an executive order as promised to provide some relief to many in the country, the entire nation. To how many I don't know and obviously it's not for 14 million people. But it will provide some kind of relief to many people who will include those in the Northern Marianas."

Last Saturday, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Ser-

vices extended the parole program for immediate relatives of U.S. citizens and certain "stateless" individuals until Dec. 31, 2016.

Sablan said that, as a member of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, he is privy to internal talks on immigration reform in Washington, D.C.

"Membership in the caucus is, you don't just walk in and say you want to be a member. You have to apply and you have to get voted on. Fortunately, I was accepted and I've been a member for six years. The Congressional Hispanic Caucus takes the lead in anything immigration in the House. Those

points of memorandum that the President is considering actually came from us."

He said even as elections are going on in the country last week, the Congressional Hispanic Caucus was busy talking with President Obama's advisers about immigration reform.

"As we speak they have tasked a smaller group of members working with the Secretary of Homeland Security, working with the White House with Cecilia Munoz, and working the President's chief counsel on what needs to be done."

In a report in *Huffington Post*, President Obama said Sunday that he will pursue an executive

order on immigration reform and that congressional Republicans can take further action if they so please.

"I'm going to do what I can do through executive action," Obama said on CBS' *Face the Nation*. "It's not going to be everything that needs to get done. And it will take time to put that in place."

The Senate already passed a bipartisan bill on comprehensive immigration reform last year, but the House of Representatives' inaction has forced the hand of Obama to once and for all find a solution to the problem through presidential decree.

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day that Espinola completed the autopsy at the Commonwealth Health Center's morgue on Saturday.

Hurst said he has no information yet on the results of the autopsy.

DPS Commissioner James DeLeon Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* last night that he will be holding a press conference this afternoon, Tuesday, to provide the media with the autopsy results and other information.

Hai Ren Li, 51, and his brother-in-law, Cheng Yu Li, 47, were last seen in the afternoon of Oct. 31 when they left their respective houses in As Lito and San Antonio to work



DeLeon Guerrero

at their farm in As Gonno between 12pm and 2:30pm.

On Nov. 1, a group of Chinese community members found Hai Ren Li's Toyota Tacoma that was abandoned under some trees a few steps from the side of Magisa Drive in As Gonno.

That same day, searchers recovered items that belonged to Hai Ren Li strewn in the grassy area of a big field located along Tun Kioshi Road.

The following day, Nov. 2, searchers found the victims' bodies covered with mango leaves at the old airport runway in Koblerville.

The victims' wives and four children arrived on Saipan from Fujian Province, China, on Saturday afternoon.

BABAUTA

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something I uphold, respected, and should be followed," he said in a phone interview with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Babauta acknowledged that he and his camp met with Inos' committee-to-elect chair Greg Camacho and NMI Republican Party president James Ada over the weekend and after careful evaluation, he and his running mate, Juan S. Torres, have decided to throw their support to Inos and his running mate, Senate President Ralph DLG. Torres (R-Saipan).

"I've always been a Republican and I want to remain loyal to my party and support the Republican Party. I met with committee-to-elect Inos/Torres and I met with their chairman and I also met with the president of the local GOP and we had a very fruitful discussion about the Babauta/Torres tandem supporting the Inos/Torres candidacy and it seems our camp is leaning toward that direction, if not already, so we are supporting the Inos/Torres candidacy."

When asked if his endorsement of the Inos/Torres team comes with strings attached, Babauta said his and his camp's support is unconditional.

"My support would be unconditional. I have no plans [of serving the Inos administration if it wins a second term]. However, I've always been a firm believer that if called upon to serve, then you'll consider that. Serving the people has always been an honorable

thing to do. I am throwing my support to Inos/Torres without any conditions."

Babauta also thanked his supporters and hinted at his future plans following an exhausting election campaign.

"I want to thank them for supporting me. I owe them a great deal of gratitude. Unfortunately the election didn't go our way but I want tell them how much I appreciate their support for me. ...My wife and I will take it easy and see where the future takes us."

Inos, for his part, thanked Babauta and Torres for their endorsement.

"Ralph and I are extremely humbled by the endorsement of Governor Babauta and his running mate Juan Torres. They ran a great campaign and very passionately articulated their vision for the future of the CNMI. We look forward to working with them and their supporters as Ralph and I continue to talk to the voters about our accomplishments and our plan to identify and enact solutions to the challenges facing the CNMI."

Babauta/Torres finished third in the election for governor last Nov. 4 with a total of 2,414 votes to their name.

Last Sunday, the local GOP bets also secured the endorsement of NMI Democratic bet Edward "Teofila" M. DeLeon Guerrero and his running mate, Danny Quitugua, for the Nov. 21 runoff election.

Inos/Torres will face the independent tandem of former speaker Heinz Hofschneider and former Senate floor leader Ray Yumul in the gubernatorial runoff.

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Red Cross assists victims of CK apartment fire

The American Red Cross-NMI Chapter provided assistance to the victims of an apartment fire in Chalan Kanoa Village in the late evening of Friday, Nov. 7, 2014. A total of seven families were affected and displaced by the fire that destroyed the apartment building where they lived. No one was reported hurt.

The Red Cross Disaster Action Team responded to the fire scene and worked closely with the families to provide them with much needed assistance for shelter, food, clothing and other personal items.

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sasters," said Paul W. Camacho, the American Red Cross. Red Cross, contact Camacho at Emergency Services director of For information regarding the (670) 234-3459. (ARC)

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Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho marked his third year on the bench yesterday with the unveiling of a plan for his courtroom to be retrofitted and modernized to handle a heavy jury trial caseload.

Camacho said that Associate Justice John A. Manglona and the other judges support his idea to modernize his courtroom.

Every year on the anniversary of his ascension to the bench, Camacho issues a report on some of the highlights of the past year, believing that a judge is a public office and that it is important for people to know what their public officials are doing.

Camacho already made some initial improvements in his courtroom such as extension of the defense table to accommodate multiple attorneys and defendants, expanding the courtroom clerk's work station, a wider podium to accommodate an attorney's laptop and large binders, and installing several microphones to better record the proceedings.

"The goal is to modernize my courtroom to conduct complex multi-party litigation, equipped to Skype with off-island experts or parties on Rota and Tinian," the judge said.

Camacho conceded, though, that this project may take a couple of years to complete due to limited funding.

He said the Clerk of Court has informed him that the criminal cases filed for this year have been cut by half. He said only 115 criminal cases have been filed so far this year compared to 230 last year.

"I like to think that longer sentences and strong punishment has a part in removing some repeat offenders from the community or at least deterred some repeat offenders from committing new crimes," he said.

Camacho has earned a reputation for rejecting lenient plea deals and imposing maximum sentences on habitual offenders.

On prosecution matter, the judge said he has dismissed cases where police officers have done absolute zero investigations at all.

Camacho also ordered the release of several persons unconstitutionally detained beyond 24 hours without access to an attorney or the courts. In one particular case, it involved a woman without a formal charge and illegally detained for almost a week.

Camacho also excluded evidence due to prosecutorial misconduct and ordered prosecutors to publicly apologize to the jury and the community for submitting fake and tampered evidence.

"Justice requires an appropriate punishment but only if the police and prosecutors do their job correctly and in compliance with the Constitution and CNMI laws," the judge said.

Since taking over the traffic court, Camacho said the Adult Probation Office has informed him that traffic probationers are now 99 percent in compliance.

Camacho removed unnecessary status conferences and unproductive review hearings so, instead of being stuck in court all day, probation officers are freed up to be in the field supervising and monitoring traffic probationers, resulting in the "exceptionally high record of compliance."

The judge said they hold probationers accountable and reject excuses that fines cannot be paid because they are not working. "If you cannot pay it off, then you have to work it off as community work service. Pay it off or work it off but you will do something," he said.

Outside the courtroom, Camacho serves as chairman of the CNMI Criminal Justice Information System, chairs the newly created Mental Health Rules Committee, and has been involved in the Junior High Mock Trial program, which is now on its 10th year.

Camacho also continues to sit as a justice-pro tem in the CNMI Supreme Court on a number of appeals when a justice has a conflict.

The judge also commended his excellent staff—judicial assistant Delia S. Magofna, law clerk Claire Kelleher-Smith, and new deputy clerk Rowena Relado.

"A heartfelt thank you to the support staff, judges and justices for their assistance and support during my third year as a judge. It has been an honor and privilege to serve the people of the CNMI," he said.

He also thanked his wife, Viola Alepuyo, and their families for their support and understanding.

Last month, Camacho received the Governor's Humanities Award for Outstanding Teacher in recognition of 10 years of volunteer work with the Junior High Mock Trial program.

Camacho was previously honored by *Saipan Tribune* as its 2013 Person of the Year.



Camacho



Governor Eloy S. Inos



Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider

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It takes a special kind of person to put on a uniform, and do what the rest of us can't. To go to places foreign to them, and defend our way of life and help those who need most our help. It takes a special person to risk their safety so that ours can be ensured. And it takes a special kind of person to, in the most extreme situations; lay down their lives so that our lives can go on in freedom and security.

Today, we are this special breed of people: the men and women of our Armed Forces, both past and present. We take a moment to honor their work, and to pay tribute to their selflessness and bravery.

We as a people commend you for upholding of our Nation's values, and inspiring many to follow in your footsteps. Rest assured that your services will never be forgotten, and for as long as our flag stands high, you will continue to be special in our eyes, and the eyes of those yet to be born.

May you and your families have a Safe and Happy Veterans Day!

Thank you, Si Yu'os ma'ase', and Olomwaay reemi.

ELOY S. INOS

JUDE U. HOFSCHEIDER

Gubernatorial runoff forum now in the works

Repopulation of Pagan sought despite military's eye on area

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Despite of the U.S. military's interest in Pagan for training purposes, Northern Islands mayor-elect Jerome Aldan wants to have residents visiting the island more frequently than is the case now.

To usher in his new administration, Aldan confirmed that a priority of his would be to focus on developing agricultural homesteads there.

This would enable residents to return to their islands and cultivate land for subsistence living, according to Aldan, adding that this would be his "top priority."

Another priority is to activate the Pagan fishing community in conjunction with the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Another, pursuant to CNMI Public Law 16-18, is to identify areas for free trade zones in the Northern Islands.

That law allows 30 hectares of any island in the Northern

Islands to be established as free trade zones to "stimulate and facilitate economic growth and development."

The U.S. military has been looking at the Mariana Islands—namely Guam, Tinian, and Pagan—for training purposes as it looks to rebalance its forces across the Pacific.

The CNMI Joint Military Training draft environment impact statement for Tinian and Pagan is to be published in February, a month after Aldan is sworn in.

Larger scale combined live fire, and combined arms amphibious assault have been described as the proposed training for Pagan, according to the Marine Corp Forces Pacific.

This training will be covered under the EIS. Public meetings on the DEIS is scheduled for March, with public comment period closing in April.

The final EIS is scheduled for February 2016. A record of decision is expected in April 2016.

If at first you don't succeed: Try, try, try again.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce is taking this truism to heart by attempting to once again to host a gubernatorial forum.

Chamber executive director Jill M. Arenovski confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* that the organization is looking at the possibility of holding a forum for gubernatorial runoff bets Gov. Eloy S. Inos of the NMI Republican Party and former speaker Heinz Hofschneider, an independent.

"I've contacted them. It's either going to be Tuesday or Wednesday next week. We can't use the [Pedro P. Tenorio] Multi-Purpose [Center] though. We have to secure an-

other venue and that will be an issue," she said.

While the Chamber did push through with its Gubernatorial Forum last Oct. 30, only former governor Juan N. Babauta (independent) attended, with Hofschneider and former Commonwealth Ports Authority executive director Edward "To-fila" M. Deleon Guerrero (NMI Democratic Party) begging off due to Inos' absence.

At that time, the incumbent was still in Manila, Philippines, following a quadruple bypass checkup at the Asian Hospital.

With both Inos and Hofschneider now available, this will make the planned runoff gubernatorial forum a must-see event, Arenovski said.

"People are calling and ask-

ing if we're going to do it. The general public is asking and they're really interested. This is an important decision. Personally, I would think people already made up their minds. However, it would really be nice for the platforms and the issues to be talked about."

Like the Senatorial Forum held on Oct. 15, the gubernatorial runoff forum will have the moderator pick five random questions from a set of questions submitted days before the event.

Each gubernatorial candidate will be given 3 minutes to expound on the issue and another minute for rebuttal if needed.

For those who will miss out the gubernatorial forum redux, the Chamber said that Flame-

tree TV will be videotaping the proceeding and will air it later.

Proceeds from the forums will benefit the Chamber's Scholarship Fund and other Chamber programs that benefit the local business community and the public.

Inos and his running mate, Senate President Ralph DLG. Torres (R-Saipan), topped the election for governor last Nov. 4 with 6,342 votes, while Hofschneider and his running mate, former Senate floor leader Ray Yumul, finished second with 4,501 votes.

Since Inos/Torres didn't attain more than 50 percent of the vote, a runoff will take place 14 days after the Nov. 7 certification of votes. The runoff is set for Nov. 21. *(Mark Rabago)*

MISSING PERSON

The Department of Public Safety is asking the public's assistance in locating the following individual:

TRAINA JACK

■ Date of birth: Aug. 16, 1996

■ Age: 19

■ Last seen: Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2014

Traina Jack has not been seen since Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2014, possibly in the San Antonio area.



Jack

Jack's cellular phone was left at a family member's house in

San Antonio. Jack's mother reported her missing on Oct. 26, 2014. Anyone with information as to the whereabouts of this individual is asked to call the Department of Public Safety at 670-664-9001 or

Crime Stoppers at 670-234-7272. *(DPS)*

SI-NMI presents founding member of The Compassionate Friends of Saipan

Soroptimist International-Northern Mariana Islands presents an afternoon with Jill Derickson, founding member of The Compassionate Friends of Saipan, on Thursday, Nov. 20, from 11:30am to 1:30pm, at the Pacific Islands Club's Annex Room. The cost is \$20 and includes a lunch buffet.

The mission of The Compassionate Friends: When a child dies, at any age, the family suffers intense pain and may feel hopeless and isolated. The Compassionate Friends provides highly personal comfort, hope, and support to every family experiencing the death of a son or a daughter, a brother or a sister, or a grandchild, and helps others better assist the grieving family.

The Compassionate Friends had a serendipitous beginning 40 years ago when a chaplain brought together two grieving families. He found that their support for each other was better than what he could offer as

a chaplain, thereby creating The Compassionate Friends.

Each chapter, along with the supporting National Office, is committed to helping every bereaved parent, sibling, or grandparent who may walk through its doors offering friendship, understanding and hope to bereaved parents, siblings, grandparents, and other family members during the natural grieving process after a child has died.

It not only takes a village to raise a child, but that village needs to support and empathize with the grieving family when a child is lost. Find out more about The Compassionate Friends and learn what they have to offer, and how we, the village surrounding them, can help.

Pre-purchase your tickets today from Soroptimist to reserve your seat and lunch. Contact Donna Krum at 783-0755 or donnakrum@gmail.com; or Merle Hudkins at 989-7975 or mhudkins@pticom.com. *(PR)*

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PH consulate to hold mobile outreach on Saipan

The Philippine Consulate General in Agana, Guam, in cooperation with the United Filipino Organizations, will conduct mobile consular services on Saipan on Nov. 14 to 18, 2014, at the first floor of the Marianas Business Plaza in Susupe. All of those interested in availing of consular services are advised to prepare the following requirements:

A. For passport renewals

- Due to the capacity limits of our passport processing equipment, we can only process up to 600 applications over the five-day mission from Nov. 14 to 18.
- Please note that only the 600 applicants who had pre-registered during the last con-

- sular mission in September 2014 will be processed during this mission.
- The 600 applicants in the official list are each assigned a specific date and time slot.
- Make sure that you appear during your scheduled processing time, otherwise you may have to wait until a slot opens up.
- Those who have to renew their passports and who are not in the official list of 600 applicants to be processed for this mission can still come to pre-register and submit the necessary requirements.
- Those who pre-register during this November mission will have their applications processed during the next consular mission.

- Per department guidelines, the Consular Team cannot extend expired passports unless the holder will be simultaneously processed for renewal.
- The Consulate General is well aware of the issues faced by our nationals who cannot renew their passports and we are working on solutions to alleviate their situation.
- The official list of those who have appointment was announced on Nov. 7, 2014.
- Requirements for renewal of GREEN Philippine passport:
 1. Accomplished ePassport Application form
 2. Photocopy of data page of passport
 3. Original passport
 4. Payment of ePassport Fee (\$60)

- Requirements for renewal of BROWN/MAROON Philippine passport
 1. Accomplished ePassport Application form
 2. Photocopy of data page of passport
 3. Photocopy of birth certificate
 4. Original passport
 5. Payment of ePassport Fee (\$60)
- Requirements for LOST Philippine passport
 1. Accomplished ePassport Application form
 2. Photocopy of data page of passport (if available)
 3. Photocopy of birth certificate
 4. Police Report
 5. Notarized Affidavit of Loss (\$25)

6. Original passport
7. Payment of Lost Passport Fee: US\$90 (Green/Maroon) or US\$150 (ePassport)

B. Registration for overseas voting for the May 9, 2016, Philippine elections

All citizens of the Philippines who are abroad, at least 18 years of age on the day of the elections (May 9, 2016), and who are registered overseas voters, may vote for president, vice president, senators and party-list representatives.

Personal appearance is necessary as the voter registration process requires the intake of a person's biometric data. Applicants should present proof of Philippine citizenship, such as a valid Philippine passport or NSO-issued certificate of birth.

C. For civil registry and notarial services

All applications for civil registry and notarial services will be processed on a first come, first served basis. Applicants are advised to prepare the originals and copies of the required documents as indicated below:

- Report of Birth (\$25)
 1. Original Birth Certificate + five copies
 2. If applicable, Original Marriage Certificate of Parents + five copies
 3. Valid Passport of Parents + five copies; If Passport is expired, valid government issued ID + five copies
 4. U.S. Naturalization Certificate of Parent + five copies, if parent is already a U.S. citizen at the time of application
 5. Affidavit of Delayed Registration of Birth (\$25), if filed more than one (month from birth of child
 6. For Illegitimate children using surname of father, Affidavit to Use Surname of Father (\$25)
 7. Duly accomplished ROB Form, signed in front of consular officer
- Report of Marriage (\$25)
 1. Original Marriage Certificate + five copies
 2. Original Birth Certificate of Filipino spouse + five copies
 3. Valid Passports of both parties + five copies each; if passport is expired, valid government issued ID + five copies
 4. 2x2 photo (white background) of each of the spouses
 5. For parties with previous marriage/s:
 - a. For U.S. citizens, Final Decree of Divorce + five copies
 - b. For Filipino citizens, Annotated Marriage Certificate from NSO showing details of Annulment + five copies OR Judgment of Philippine Court Recognizing Final Decree of Divorce issued by a foreign court
 - c. For widows/widower, Death Certificate of deceased spouse

6. Affidavit of Delayed Registration of Marriage (\$25), if filed more than one month from celebration of marriage
7. For those whose spouses are non-Filipinos, duly accomplished CFO form
8. Duly accomplished ROM Form signed in front of consular officer
- Report of Death (\$25)
 1. Original Death Certificate + copies
 2. Duly accomplished ROD Form
 - Acknowledgements (SPA, General Power of Attorney, Contracts), Jurat (Affidavits)
 1. Valid Passport or government issued ID (i.e., driver's license) of signatory + copy
 2. Must sign document in front of consular officer
 3. Payment of \$25 fee
 - For NBI Clearance Application (\$25)
 1. Completely accomplished NBI Form (to be provided by the Philippine Consulate Team). Said form must be brought to the local police station for fingerprinting. Applicants must ensure that the police officer taking the fingerprints must sign in the "Impressions Taken By" field.
 2. One 2x2 photo (to be pasted on the form)
 3. Original Valid Passport and two (2) copies (Data and Signature Page of the passport)

- Authentication/Verification of Employment Contracts
 1. Job Order
 - Attachments: USCIS Approval
- Company License
- Passport of Signatory (Employer)
- 3. Recruitment Agreement
- Attachments: Company License
- Passport of Signatory (Employer)
- 4. Individual or Group Employment Contract
- Attachments: Company License
- Passport of Signatory (Employer)


Following are the applicable fees for these services:

Document Authentication Fee	DOLE Verification Fee
Job Order \$25	\$10
SPA \$25	\$10
Recruitment Agreement \$25	\$30
Individual Contract \$25	\$10
Group Contract \$25	\$30

Please note that all applicants for the above services will be required to photocopy the signed documents after processing.

For questions or clarifications regarding the mobile consular outreach, call the Consulate General at our toll free number (670) 682-2222. (PR)

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Edward E. Manibusan
Attorney General-Elect

Dodgeball tournament for schools' PE equipment

Pacific Islands Club Saipan will be hosting its Annual Dodgeball Fundraising Tournament. Only elementary schools will be invited to this daylong tournament.

There will be a pool play seeding tournament in the morning. The elimination bracket will begin in the afternoon. All of these will take place on the PIC tennis

courts on Nov. 22.

With the restructuring of the public schools this year, the tournament has expanded its horizons to all elementary schools. All students who are in the 5th grade or below are eligible to play.

Entry fees into the 16-team tournament are \$100 per team. All of the proceeds will be used to purchase Physical Education equipment for two winning schools (first and second place). There is a 16-team limit. Schools will be able to enter more than one team if they choose to do so.

Garapan Elementary School

will be returning to defend their 2013 title while Kagman Elementary will be trying to regain their 2012 title.

"It is always great to see the school return for this event year after year," said assistant tournament director Cindy Franz. "I am looking forward to seeing all the kids come out and play!"

"Dodgeball really takes me

back to my days of elementary school," said tournament director Glenn Policare. "I love seeing all the kids out on the court enjoying the same game I did as a kid."

For tournament information, contact Franz at 237-5147 or cindy.park@picsaipan.com or Policare at 237-5148 or glenn.policare@picsaipan.com. **(PIC)**

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

MHS Q1 report cards out Monday

Marianas High School will be distributing first quarter report cards to students on Monday, Nov. 17, 2014. There will be no change in the school's normal schedule, which means students will be released at 3pm. For more information, call the Main Office at 237-3206/5 or check their website at www.marian-ashighschool.com. **(PR)**

Military training on Farallon de Medinilla

The U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, and U.S. Air Force will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on Nov. 12, from 7pm to 11pm, and on Nov. 13, from 9am to 5pm. The general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated. **(PR)**

Veterans Day ceremony today

The Office of the Governor,

CNMI Military/Veterans Affairs Office, and the Veterans Day Committee are inviting the public to the Veterans Day Ceremony will be held at the American Memorial Park's Court of Honor on Nov. 11, 2014, Tuesday, at 11am. **(PR)**

Fall Festival at Kagman center

The Kagman Community Church is sponsoring a Fall Festival at the Kagman Community Center on Sunday, Nov. 16, from 2pm to 6pm. Activities include a Dessert Competition, 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, bouncy houses, games, and face painting for the kids, photos, food, and lots of prizes. Everything is free! Entries for the Dessert Competition need to be in between 2pm and 3pm in order to be judged. There will be an adult and children's category. The 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament registration will be from 2pm to 3pm and the Tournament will start at 3pm. For more information, email info@kagman.church or call 256-8171. **(PR)**

High court upholds man's conviction

The NMI Supreme Court affirmed Franklin C. Cepeda Jr.'s convictions for assault and battery and theft. His appeal focused on the trial court's decisions excluding various pieces of evidence and limiting his ability to attack the credibility of witnesses.

The high court began by addressing the exclusion of chain-of-custody receipts and an offi-

cer's affidavit from substantive evidence. The trial court erred by excluding the receipts but the error was harmless because the information in the receipts was ultimately presented to the court. Additionally, the trial court erred by excluding the affidavit but the error was also harmless because the affidavit's information was introduced through other means.

Next, the high court justices turned to Cepeda's claims that the trial court erred by preventing him from using the affidavit to attack police detective Mark Taisacan's credibility and introducing prior testimony to attack George Ilo's credibility. Neither of these arguments persuaded the court; the trial court never precluded Cepeda from using the affidavit or the prior testi-

mony to attack the witnesses' credibility.

Finally, the high court addressed Cepeda's argument that multiple individually harmless errors warranted reversing his convictions. But the court concluded the evidence was strong enough to sustain the convictions even without the errors.

The Supreme Court's full opinion, 2014 MP 11, can be found at www.cnmilaw.org/supreme14.html. **(NMI Judiciary)**

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Belated birthday greetings go out to Aubrey Salazar, who celebrated her 4th birthday and Precious Salazar, who marked her 7th birthday during a joint celebration on Nov. 4, 2014, at the Shirley's Coffee Shop and Restaurant in Susupe.

COMMONWEALTH LOTTERY COMMISSION

PUBLIC NOTICE

A Regular Meeting of the Commonwealth Lottery Commission will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, November 14, 2014 at the Juan Sablan Memorial Building on Capitol Hill, Saipan. The public is invited to attend.

The following is the proposed agenda:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Adoption of Agenda
- V. Adoption of Minutes
- VI. New Business
 - A. VLT
 - B. Casino License Agreement
- VII. Executive Session
- VIII. Adjournment

For further information, please contact the Lottery Commission by telephone through the Office of the Attorney General at 237-7500.

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Once strangers, now brothers



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One day a new girl entered our classroom. I don't remember her name, but she must have been 7 or 8, as we were.

I still recall the way she looked: Very fair skin, dark curly hair, a bright red coat that had been fashionable several years ago. She spoke with an unfamiliar dialect and smelled strange.

She was different, we noticed at once. That girl came not only from another region but another country; she originated from the German Democratic Republic, often referred to as East Germany.

We, born and raised in the Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany), felt uncomfortable and were not sure if we liked the newbie. Rather not.

It was 1989. A couple of weeks before her arrival, on the evening of Nov. 9, the Berlin Wall had been torn down. Thousands of East Berliners had marched to the Wall and made the surprised and overwhelmed border guards open the gates.

At a moment's notice, two nations—that once had been one—met, elated, on the streets of Berlin, and soon the same was happening in other places of the two German countries.

But, over the previous four decades, they had become strangers. And people soon realized how far apart they were.

West Germans were startled by Easterners who invaded supermarkets with eyes wide open, did not know what a honeydew melon was, and loaded their carts with exotic fruit and vegetables. It sounds like a myth, but some of my friends witnessed this: Not long after the Wall fell, bananas were sold out in many supermarkets close to the border.

For East Germans the Wende—the collapse of communist East Germany and the creation of a reunified German state in 1990—meant more than cleared grocery shelves.

They gained freedom but had to cope with a new system—politically, socially, and economically. Soon, in the East, the un-

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Lessons for Washington pols

As we debate how Tuesday's election results will affect government gridlock, I can't help thinking about two other elections, held last week, in tiny Tunisia and embattled Ukraine.

They offer insights to Americans fed up with paralysis in Washington (exit polls showed a majority of U.S. voters were not only dissatisfied with President Barack Obama, but also with both political parties—and with Congress). As Obama and Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell take to the airwaves promising to deliver "results" over the next two years, I suggest they pay attention to what's happening in Tunis and Kiev.

Tunisia is emerging as a model of political pragmatism that pols in Washington could learn from (and the only success story of the 2011 Arab Spring). Inside Ukraine, to the contrary, Russian support for radical separatists is destroying any hope of political compromise. Down that road lies endless conflict, and, in this case, endless civil war.

In Tunisia, a new secular party, Nidaa Tounes, beat out the Islamist party, Ennadha, which had swept to power after the ouster of a dictator in 2011. Although neither party won a clear majority in the elections, several things were remarkable about the results.

First, unlike the other Arab countries that experienced upheavals in 2011, Tunisia has remained on the road to democracy, helped by its sizable middle class and women's movement, strong unions and geographical closeness to Europe. Second, voters ousted the Islamists on pragmatic grounds—the party didn't deliver the economic goods; even many devout Tunisians, who had backed Ennadha in 2011, voted differently this time.

Third, the Islamists accept the results of the election, demonstrating, at least in Tunisia, that an Arab Islamist party can operate democratically. (Ennadha, a branch of the Muslim Brotherhood, has far more shrewd and sophisticated leadership than did the Egyptian branch, which was ousted last year in a military coup.)

But what is most striking about the Tunisian ballot is that Beji Caid Essebsi, the 87-year-old statesman who heads Nidaa Tounes (with nearly 40 percent of the vote), and Rashid Ghannouchi, the leader of Ennadha (nearly 32 percent), seem to understand their country can't move forward unless their parties find common ground.

Can anyone imagine such pragmatism in Washington, where tea-party Republicans decry compromise as surrender, and Republican leaders have defined success as opposing Obama? Will a Republican-led Congress, and a chastened Obama, be able to get things done?

I spoke by phone to Chema Gargouri to find out more about the pragmatism in Tunis. A Nidaa Tounes activist, she is also an entrepreneur and head of a nongovernmental organization that promotes social and economic development. I asked how secularists could enter into a parliamentary coalition with the Islamists.

Her reply: "People are not seeing the importance of elections in

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changing their lives for the better, they are fed up, they want a government with vision. Nidaa Tounes won, but it has no big majority. It would be a big mistake to exclude Ennadha, the second-most important party; it might drive the country to a real division between some areas that are Islamist and some that are not.

"So there must be a government that is open for all Tunisians, open to negotiation and collaboration. What is most important is the interests of the country. Both parties will have to make compromises."

One can only hope that Tunisian leaders can hold to such a vision. If they do, leaders in Washington should flock to Tunis to observe politicians who place the good of the country above parochial concerns.

In Ukraine, however, one can see what happens when pragmatic leaders are thwarted—in this case by the outside intervention of Russia's Vladimir Putin, who considers Ukrainian democracy a threat to his dreams of restoring a Russian empire.

Last week's parliamentary elections in Ukraine were won by pro-European parties that promised to reform the corruption and centralized economy that are the legacy of the country's communist past. In other words, Ukrainians voted for parties that upheld the vision of the Maidan revolution that led to the ouster of a pro-Moscow president last year. The small radical parties that were used by Putin as an excuse to label the Kiev government "fascist" won almost no seats.

Together with the recently elected president, Petro Poroshenko, Ukraine's political leaders were ready to offer autonomy and Russian-language rights to the country's disaffected eastern regions, where so-called rebels, armed, funded, and led by Russian forces, had stirred up a civil war.

But the word compromise is not in Putin's vocabulary. Instead, he backed ersatz elections in two eastern regions, also held last week, and then recognized the separatist leaders who were chosen. Never mind that these elections violated a peace deal Putin recently concluded with Poroshenko. Now Russia is in effective control of eastern chunks of Ukraine.

Ukraine stands as an extreme example of compromise denied. But in Tunisia, newly elected leaders talk of compromise in service of the country. Is anyone watching in Washington, D.C.?

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Is the US stuck in a secular slump?

The scariest term that economists have been throwing around lately is “secular stagnation.” It means the economy is in a slump that it may never be able to escape.

It's one thing to say things will get worse before they get better; quite another to say they'll just keep getting worse. But that's the fear expressed by former Treasury Secretary and White House chief economist Lawrence Summers in an essay published last week.

Summers observes that growth in the U.S. and Europe—and projections for future growth—has been dismal and getting worse. “U.S. economic growth has averaged only 2 percent over the last five years, despite having started from a highly depressed state,” he writes.

What's worse, he asserts that growth was meager even in the pre-recession period, when it appeared to be quite healthy. But its fundamental sickness was masked by risky financing—“vast erosion of credit standards, the biggest housing bubble in a century, the emergence of substantial budget deficits, and what many criticize as lax monetary and regulatory policies. ... It has been close to 20 years since the American economy grew at a healthy pace supported by sustainable finance.”

Summers' concerns are echoed by a clutch of leading economists—among them Barry Eichengreen of the University of California, Berkeley and Paul Krugman of Princeton—who contributed to a remarkable volume on secular stagnation published in August by the London-based Centre for Economic Policy Research; the

Summers essay appeared as its keynote.

Many of them find that the evidence of secular stagnation is inescapable, though they disagree about its causes and remedies. The causes include a slowdown of technological advances aiding productivity—electricity and the internal combustion engine are behind us; a slowdown in population growth; a rise in income inequality; and a failure to invest in infrastructure. The latter two get most of the blame, with good reason.

As Eichengreen reflects, “Pessimists have been predicting slowing rates of invention and innovation for centuries, and they have been consistently wrong.” Robotics and genomics, he argues, bear as much potential for improving human productivity as the industrial revolution did in the 19th century.

On the other hand, federal spending “devoted heavily to infrastructure, education and training has been cut to the bone.”

Robert J. Gordon of Northwestern adds that “salaries for CEOs and celebrities march ever upwards,” while “for the disposable (after-tax) incomes of the bottom 99 percent, it is hard to find any room for growth at all.”

Not all the economists are as pessimistic: Nicholas Crafts of the University of Warwick observes that the term “secular stagnation” was coined by economist Alvin Hansen in 1938 as a projection of a permanent post-Depression slump, but his fears turned out to be “the delusions of a hypochondriac,” proved wrong by World War II and the postwar boom.

Yet Summers and his fellows struggle to find the light.

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The greatest reason they find for despair is the failure of government in the U.S. and Europe to respond. Summers writes that improving financial stability, increasing economic output and raising employment require “increased public investment, reductions in structural barriers to private investment ... a commitment to maintain basic social protections so as to maintain spending power, and measures to reduce inequality and so redistribute income toward those with a higher propensity to spend” (that is, middle- and lower-income households).

The U.S. is moving away from, not toward, those policies; even with Republican control of only one chamber of Congress, the prospects for such a program have been dim.

All isn't lost, but the future is in our hands. Says Eichengreen: “If the U.S. experiences secular stagnation, the condition will be self-inflicted. ... It is important not to accept secular stagnation, but instead to take steps to avoid it.”

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

65 pct. of all voters want change

Approximately 65 percent of all registered voters wanting change are going into the runoff wanting change but those for change can still lose. I really wouldn't be surprised at anything our losing candidates will do for power in the next administration and what the IT team will do by courting them and voters with the obvious political bribes to win. FYI readers, 77 percent of all registered voters cast their vote and collectively about 55 percent of them were against Inos/Torres. It should be a done deal that Heinz will win the runoff if these voters stay united for new leadership. There is also the 23 percent of all voters who did not even vote and one can only assume most of them were not happy and even fed up with CNMI's politics and our present leadership. But they need to come out and vote now because if you do the math you will find that IT only got 34.65 percent of all voters' support. That's a landslide for change.

But even against the tremendous numbers of 65 percent of all the voters not showing support for IT, they could still win with a little over 35 percent of all the voters with just a 6-percent shift in the numbers, especially if the 23 percent (1/4) of all voters are going to still be non-functioning voters. Yes, we the people are killing our own desires by not voting and abandoning our objectives for change and a new and different leader to follow! Some voters will surely blindly follow a losing candidate and the only question is how many.

But based on the numbers, Heinz should have the best chance of uniting the overwhelming majority who are already against IT and want change. Even though IT has really made the election and the runoff a popularity contest again and it even seems that Babauta and Tofila helped by violating a secret agreement made during the election. I am truly disappointed and I will tell the CNMI about it in my next letter. I'm sure the smart voters won't be surprised if this entire election had been planned and paid for before voters even went to the polls. But hopefully most voters are not stupid, which is why 65 percent want change. They just have to prove it by voting for Heinz!

It should be obvious that IT is spending an enormous amount of money. It would have been relatively easy for Babauta and Tofila to be bought so they could run just so they could throw their votes behind IT. Voters had better wake up and start thinking about what really happened instead of talking about Heinz's origins from Yap and Ray's origins as part-Filipino, just like IT wants dumb voters to do. IT would love for voters to lose their focus and get caught up in the IT hype.

This is not the first time and voters should know how the game is played by our politicians when candidates who lose will try to get voters to abandon their own desires to follow them, which is why voters justifiably need a special debate now, not a forum. Inos can't hide behind any questions in a debate and he certainly can't use his doctor's excuses anymore so make it more interesting and revealing of the candidates and their plans with a debate. I can guarantee it

will be a packed house. So please, Chamber and Mr. Sablan, do this public service and have a special debate so voters can finally compare the candidates, their abilities and their platforms. I also hope Heinz will demand a debate as he should be able to eat Inos alive based on his poorly delivered State of the Commonwealth Address!

So voters really need to vote with their conscience for new leadership and not listen to losing candidates. As for my critics, I didn't lose, Tofila did and I'm still voting for who should be the winner.

I actually like Ralph and some things about IT but the problem I have with IT is they violated one the most precious principles of a democracy—government by the people—and forced a 40-year-old agreement upon the people just to get elected. It's the principle of the matter because you don't reward politicians for that kind of behavior, you send a message like your parents so IT and no other official will do it again. To elect Inos would be like thanking a naughty child for being naughty!

The fact that Heinz is promoting change should give us all hope but the problem for Heinz is many voters really don't know what he plans to do as he doesn't have the money and advertising ability to compete with IT. Heinz should fight for a debate because personally, I think Heinz has a better plan and will certainly be more responsive to the people. So for me it was only a question of does money win the election again or will the American Dream of change and progress and our principle of governing prevail? What voters will do is the real question because the Inos money showers are over and it is not what Inos has gotten you in the past that counts. It's the future that counts for you now!

Ambrose M Bennett

Kagman, Saipan

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employment rate hit the roof, especially as the well-educated moved to the wealthy West; those who stayed feared to fall behind.

This happened in most former socialistic countries.

I will never forget my first journey to Eastern Europe. My parents took me as an 8-year-old on a day trip to Czechoslovakia, now the Czech Republic. They wanted to visit Mariánské Lázně, a spa town famous for its 19th-century noble mansions and beautiful parks.

It was a gray and rainy day, the bumpy streets did not deserve to be called streets and dark smoke poured out of the chimneys to the sky. Buildings were run-down, more ruins than glorious houses. Everything—including the people—looked incredibly poor.

I started to cry, desperate to get back to my clean, prosperous West German home.

Since then, I have returned to the East several times.

It has changed a lot over the years. Though it has not yet reached the level of the West—the unemployment rate is still higher, as is the decline in population, and the average income is lower—the economy in East Germany is steadily catching up.

East cities like Dresden, Leipzig, or Weimar are spruced up, beau-

No surprise there

It was predictable from the start that Juan Babauta and Edward DeLeon Guerrero would quickly sell themselves to Inos/Torres for high-paying government jobs, just like in the last election when they endorsed Fitial/Inos. Last election, Babauta sold himself to Fitial/Inos and then became the CEO for CHC to nearly shut down the island's only hospital. DeLeon Guerrero sold himself to Inos/Fitial and became CPA executive director. They made a lot of money by tricking the voters.

It stinks how Babauta and DeLeon Guerrero were preaching last week about the need for a new governor and now that they lost, they quickly changed their minds so that they can secure high paying government jobs once again.

Inos needs to step down after 12 long awful years of Inos and Fitial running the show and causing a great deal of suffering for the people of the CNMI. Where was Inos when Fitial was abusing his power and threatening to make the people of Rota and Tinian suffer? He was right beside him and didn't even stand up for the people.

Inos had a quadruple bypass and goes through daily dialysis. It is time to step down and focus on your medical conditions. Are you that hungry for more power? Can you survive four years with your medical conditions? How about four months?

Is Inos' dying wish for the CNMI to vote for IT so that “Wreck it Ralph” Torres will become the next governor of the CNMI for four very long years?

The CNMI needs a new and healthy governor.

Antonio Aldan

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tifully renovated and a popular destination for many tourists. Berlin, the once divided city, is the place to be—not only for Germans but international hipsters. Some of the hottest areas, like Prenzlauer Berg, used to be in the GDR.

The reunification has not been easy: Both, East and West Germans, had to contribute their parts. The achievements were costly—financially and emotionally. But it has been worth it.

Twenty-five years after the Wende, when I meet someone from the East German states, I sometimes can still identify the origin by listening to the dialect—just as I would recognize a Bavarian or Swabian.






I know my counterpart might have another background and other experiences, habits, likes, and dislikes. But that does not make him a stranger.

Despite all the differences, we are both Germans, part of the same nation. Finally.

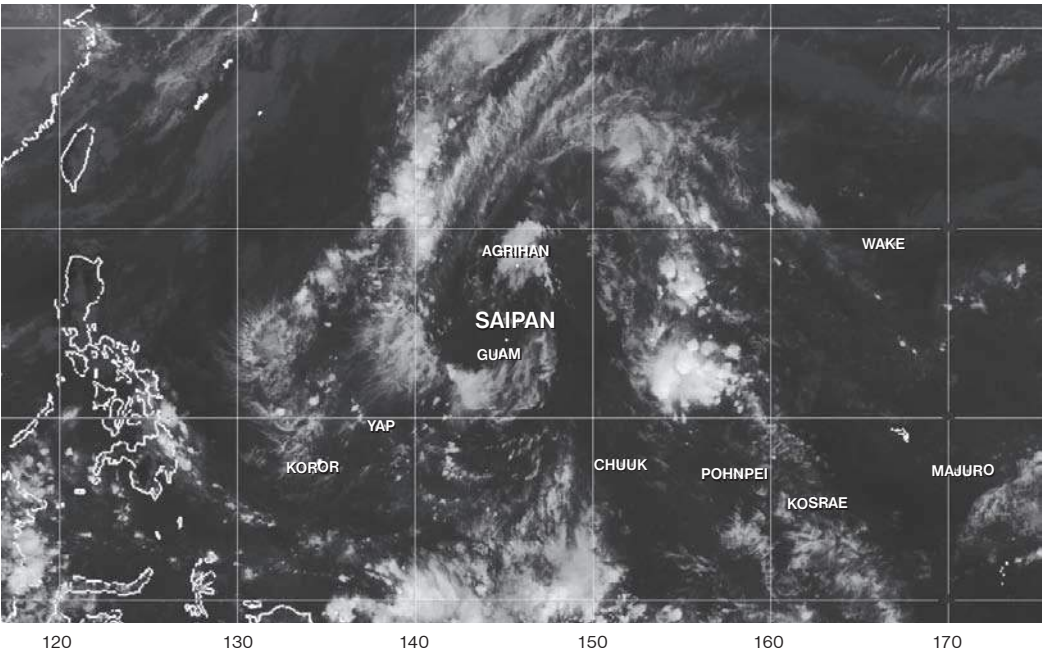
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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				
Partly sunny with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2014
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough curves northwestward from south of Chuuk near 3N150E through 2 weak circulations centered southeast of Yap near 7N141E and north of Koror near 10N135E then continues northward to a third circulation centered west of Iwo To island near 25N138E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found near Iwo To Island within 130 miles of a line from 25N143E to 19N139E and west of the Marianas between 12N and 18N from 131E to 140E. Low-level convergence to the south of the trough is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms southwest of Chuuk or south of a line from 1N141E to 5N148E to 2N151E. A weak surface trough extends northward from EQ160E to end near 12N159E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present north of Pohnpei and Chuuk states within 250 miles of a line from 10N158E to 17N154E. An upper-level trough curves northeastward from 3N137E through a second low centered east of Guam near 13N146E to pass beyond 25N at 154E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are seen south of the Marianas within 80 miles of a line from 13N142E to 11N148E. Similar conditions exist over the northern CNMI within 90 miles of 18N146E and south of Minami Tori Shima within 80 miles of a line from 22N150E to 22N155E. A weak tropical disturbance is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms east of the Marshall Islands or east of a line from 12N178E to 5N172E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the national weather service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the national weather service guam homepage: www.Prh.Noaa.Gov/guam/

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼78
Palau	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼79
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼77
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼77
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼81

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲68	▼54
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲56	▼35
Hong Kong	Showers	▲75	▼68
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲82	▼69
London	Partly Cloudy	▲56	▼51
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲71	▼55
Manila	Mostly Sunny	▲89	▼73
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲67	▼47
Miami	Rain	▲69	▼36
New York	Sunny	▲58	▼49
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲68	▼53
Paris	Mostly Sunny	▲56	▼44
Pusan	Mostly Sunny	▲65	▼49
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲70	▼57
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲56	▼35
San Francisco	Sunny	▲69	▼54
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲59	▼45
Tokyo	Showers	▲60	▼54
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲65	▼47



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- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
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Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
4:23 AM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.2 Feet
11:27 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
5:11 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet
9:36 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	6:17 AM	6:45 PM
Wednesday	6:17 AM	5:45 PM
Thursday	6:18 AM	5:45 PM
Friday	6:18 AM	5:44 PM
Saturday	6:19 AM	5:44 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	9:35 PM	9:50 AM
Wednesday	10:25 PM	10:38 AM
Thursday	11:14 PM	11:22 AM
Friday		12:04 PM
Saturday	12:02 AM	12:44 PM

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UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm	6, 7
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5	UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4	UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5	UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5	UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
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SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)				PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	11:30pm	2, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	3:05pm	3, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL297	4:20pm	7:20pm	Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:30am+1	Daily
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LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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Delta gives back to veterans and service members

Delta Air Lines is helping veterans and members of the military and their families by matching miles donated by customers in November to the Fisher House Foundation and Luke's Wings charitable organizations. Delta will match donations made through the SkyWish program up to an aggregate total of 10 million miles.

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The Fisher House Foundation

and Luke's Wings are able to use the miles donated through SkyWish to provide air travel to wounded, injured or ill service members, veterans and their families, to connect them with their loved ones for support while they undergo treatment or recover from their injuries.

"Delta is proud to partner with customers to assist our veterans, service members and their families by providing travel through the SkyWish program," said Tad Hutcheson, vice president of Community Affairs for Delta. "They have given so much to serve our country, and we are

grateful to be able to give back to them during a time of need."

Fisher House facilities offer military and veterans' families a place to stay at no cost while a loved one is receiving treatment. In September, Delta contributed significantly toward the construction of a second Fisher House facility at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Seattle. Luke's Wings provides families with the means to travel to be with their loved one during the service member's hospitalization and rehabilitation.

In addition to the Fisher House Foundation and Luke's

Wings, Delta's support of the military also includes partnerships with the Marine Toys for Tots campaign, Wounded Warriors, select USO locations throughout the country and the Freedom Center in Detroit. The airline's support for these organizations is part of its Force for Global Good, through which Delta employees contribute time, energy and millions of dollars to a host of global philanthropic causes.

To review the SkyWish program terms and conditions and to donate miles, go to www.delta.com/veterans. (*Delta Air Lines*)

500 take part in Heinz/Ray road waving

The campaign of former speaker Heinz Hofschneider and former Senate floor leader Ray Yumul held a road waving last Thursday that was attended by over 500 people.

Committee-to-Elect Heinz Hofschneider and Ray Yumul chair David Attao said the independent gubernatorial bets organized the road waving to thank supporters as well as those who voted for them during the Nov. 4 elections.

"We had over 500 people with huge hearts and determination to win who showed up for the road waving. It was a good turnout considering it was done with one-day notice and not publicly announced," said Attao.

He said the Heinz/Yumul camp has been getting a lot of support from supporters of losing gubernatorial bets Juan N. Babauta (independent) and Edward M. DeLeon Guerrero of the NMI Democratic Party.

"We have been receiving a lot of support from the Babauta/Torres and Democratic supporters. We also appreciate our supporters for continuing the good fight. We also welcome Republicans and anyone who want to make the right choice."

The Hofschneider/Yumul

will figure in a gubernatorial runoff with incumbent Gov. Eloy S. Inos and running mate, Senate President Ralph DLG. Torres (R-Saipan), after finishing second in the general elections. The Inos/Torres tandem is running under the NMI Republican Party flag.

"I want to thank everyone for voting for Heinz and Ray, and we once again ask for one last vote. Heinz and Ray are on the right side of the ballot, so please make the right choice," said Attao.

While their campaign is not sure whether they will secure the endorsement of Babauta or DeLeon Guerrero, the Committee-to-Elect Heinz Hofschneider and Ray Yumul already has a fresh take on the runoff.

"We are treating this as a new election and we are fighting hard to earn votes. [We're] keeping things clean," Attao said.

Hofschneider/Yumul garnered 4,501 votes in Tuesday's elections, compared to the 6,342 received by the Inos/Torres team. Since Inos/Torres didn't attain more than 50 percent of the vote, a runoff will take place 14 days after the Nov. 7 certification of votes.

(*Mark Rabago*)

Pacific powerhouses to benefit from regional partnership



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

A renewed agreement between the Secretariat of the Pacific Community and the Melanesian Spearhead Group Secretariat will boost development in five Pacific nations and trigger action to address common priorities including youth employment, sanitation and fisheries management.

NOUMEA, New Caledonia—

An agreement renewed Friday will boost development in five Pacific nations and trigger action to address common priorities including youth employment, sanitation and fisheries management.

The Secretariat of the Pacific Community and the Melanesian Spearhead Group Secretariat have extended until 2017 a memorandum of understanding that commits both regional bodies to collaborate to deliver much-needed services and technical assistance to the people of Fiji, Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, and New Caledonia.

Governance, shipping safety, forestry policy, sub-regional sea cucumber management and the promotion of healthy living and Melanesian culture are also among the areas of cooperation identified.

Speaking at the agreement signing in Noumea, the SPC Director-General Dr. Colin Tukuitonga welcomed the close, ongoing cooperation between the two organizations.

"By sharing our respective expertise and creating joint programs we can maximize the development outcomes and enhance the effectiveness of our work with, and for, our members and other partners as we tackle pressing issues facing the Pacific region," Tukuitonga said.

The Director-General of the MSG, Peter Forau, said the agreement would reduce the opportunity for duplication of effort in addressing major, shared challenges and improve the efficiency of expenditure.

"At this critical time for development in the Pacific, I applaud this strengthened partnership with the region's leading scientific and techni-

cal organization, the SPC, as together we stand to improve service delivery for the benefit of citizens of Melanesia and indeed for the entire Pacific region through sharing our knowledge and experience," Forau said.

The original memorandum between the regional bodies was signed in July 2012. The 2014-17 memorandum was formalized on the final day of the 44th session of the Committee of Representatives of Governments and Administrations convened by the SPC in Noumea, New Caledonia.

Fiji, Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu are members of both Pacific intergovernmental organizations. They are the largest Pacific Island countries in terms of land area, population and Gross Domestic Product, yet face multiple pronounced, shared challenges. (*SPC*)

3 convicted of mailing 'ice' to Guam

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—A Guam jury has convicted three people of mailing drugs from Las Vegas to Guam.

Pacific Daily News reports Francisco C. Arias, Eder J. Cortez-Zelaya and Corinna M. Concepcion were convicted Thursday of drug trafficking

for their involvement in sending packages containing methamphetamine or "ice" to Guam.

Cortez-Zelaya is from Nevada.

Nine other defendants have signed plea deals in the case.

Arias and Cortez-Zelaya were convicted of conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine, conspira-

cy to commit money laundering and unlawful use of mail to distribute methamphetamine.

Concepcion was found guilty of conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine and conspiracy to commit money laundering.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Clyde Lemons says he will seek sentences of at least 10 years.



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Nearly 400 visitors, public attend Awaodori Festival

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Despite the constant downpour, Japanese cultural performances were in full throttle last Saturday with the staging of the 7th Saipan Awaodori Festival.

With nearly 400 visitors, community members, and family members of the Saipan Awaodori dancers, everyone was intent on experiencing traditional

dances from Japan.

The festival kicked off with the Saipan Awaodori team and the Tokyo Tensui ren performing at the Fiesta Resort and Spa hallway at 5pm. The dancers then made their way to the road fronting Fiesta and did a street performance in front of the Kinpachi Restaurant.

The Shugen Daiko group then took their turn on the spotlight with with huge

drums and gongs that literally made the entire Pase reverberate. It was the group's first time to visit and perform on Saipan. Despite the loud drums, one community member told *Saipan Tribune* he found the performance peaceful and that he was enthralled by their performance.

Hiroyoshi Adachi, the Agon Shu Buddhist Association senior staff and person-in-charge

of the religious group performers, said they also visited Saipan to conduct a ceremony at a Japanese peace memorial.

Adachi said it was their first time ever here on Saipan. He said the rest of the group couldn't join them because of the weather and their busy schedules.

"We enjoy Saipan and we like the hospitality here. It is a little different experience to have

your people cheer for our team of performers. I am grateful to the sponsors that made us join the performances," Adachi said.

The Shugen performance ended after 30 minutes. The festival then featured CNMI Domatsuri, Tokyo Tensui ren, and Saipan Awaodori team dances until 9pm.

A small party was later held in front of Kinpachi and awards were presented to

Awaodori members and Tensui ren members.

According to Pacific Development Inc. director Gordon Marciano, all vendors at the Paseo de Marianas were told beforehand of the festival and they already gave permission. A restaurant situated near the stage did complain about the loud music but that did not put a damper on the festival's energy level.



Two Saipan Awaodori dancers and one Tokyo Tensui ren dancer join in a fast dance at the Fiesta Resort and Spa lobby.



Tokyo Tensui ren kimono dancers perform for visitors at Fiesta Resort and Spa lobby.



Young Saipan Awaodori members perform for tourists.



Saipan Awadori members wait for the start of their performance at the Paseo de Marianas.



Saipan Awaodori members perform in front of Kinpachi Restaurant.



Shugen Daiko drummers perform a traditional piece of music during the Awaodori Festival.

Business

US economy fueling strong hiring if not pay gains

WASHINGTON (AP)—Healthy job growth in the United States has reached a level of consistency unseen in nearly two decades.

In the same week that voters signaled discontent with the U.S. economy, the gov-

ernment issued a report that showed employers have added at least 200,000 jobs for nine straight months—the longest such stretch since 1995.

Combine it with an unemployment rate that has slid to 5.8 percent—the lowest since



In this Oct. 23, 2014 photo, an automotive service technology student works on a car at the Community College of Philadelphia Thursday, Oct. 23, 2014, in Philadelphia.

AP

ing for work. That suggests that more out-of-work people were encouraged by the brightening jobs picture.

"This was a great month for the American labor market," said James Marple, an economist at TD Bank. "The U.S. job engine is not just chugging along, it is gaining speed."

Pay gains in some industries are outpacing the national average. For workers in the hotel, restaurant and entertainment industry, hourly pay has risen 3.5 percent in the past year. Retail pay has risen 2.6 percent. So has construction pay.

And hiring has increased in middle- and higher-paying industries, a change from earlier in the recovery when job gains have picked up in construction, manufacturing, professional and business services, and government.

Taking work team in a new direction never easy

YOUR OFFICE COACH

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Q: After several months in my new job, I was called in for a meeting with the human resources manager. She informed me that several long-term employees were unhappy with my leadership style and felt they were being micromanaged. I was devastated by this news, because I thought everything was going well.

The department I inherited had not been properly managed for several years, so I knew this would be a difficult transition. After I explained the need for a different approach, we implemented several changes which everyone agreed upon. However, I did have to intervene when people reverted to their previous habits.

When I asked why the employees had not come to me directly, the HR manager said they felt I was unapproachable. She cited several examples of comments I had made which were taken completely out of context, making me sound harsh and dictatorial. I do tend to be very direct, but I always try to be diplomatic.

After the discussion with HR, I met with the staff, assured them of my support, and asked them to come to me with any concerns. I seem to have regained my composure, but I still feel wary and mistrustful. Do you have any advice?

A: If it makes you feel any better, many managers tasked with turning around a department have been blindsided by unexpected reprimands. In their eagerness to succeed, these well-intentioned leaders frequently underestimate the emotional attachment to past practices and the leverage possessed by long-service staff members.

Under these circumstances, managers and employees often have widely varying perceptions. You consider yourself "direct but diplomatic," while they view you as "unapproachable." You thought everyone supported recent changes, but they felt false agreement was safer than honest feedback. As the old saying goes, where you stand depends on where you sit.

Holding a supportive staff meeting was a good first step, but now you must follow through. To encourage open communication, modify your "direct" style by asking more questions and listening carefully to the answers. Make your expectations for change clear, but involve employees in implementation planning. If you become a more responsive leader, you may eventually have a more receptive staff.

Q: I was recently dismissed from my last job and am now looking for another one. Many applications ask "May we contact your previous employer?" I'm not sure how to answer that question. If I say yes, I'm afraid someone will call and learn that I was fired. Should I just say no and explain my answer later?

A: While limiting communication with a current employer is reasonable, prohibiting contact with a previous one looks fishy. If hiring managers believe you have something to hide, they could easily screen you out before the interview stage.

On the other hand, saying "yes" to this question is not particularly risky, because most companies won't check references until after they've talked with you. Just be sure that if you do get an interview, you are able to offer a reasonable explanation for your departure.

2008—and the picture that emerged Friday was of a job market gaining increasing distance from the recession that officially ended nearly 5 1/2 years ago.

The job gain for October was a solid 214,000, on top of a combined 31,000 more in August and September than the government had previously estimated.

The steady improvement contrasts with the struggles of economies overseas, a key reason the Federal Reserve is withdrawing its stimulus just as other central banks ramp up theirs. This week, for example, the European Central Bank opened the door wider for further help for a eurozone economy that may be on the brink of another recession.

The U.S. job market is hardly without its own weaknesses. Americans' average hourly pay rose only slightly last month, a negative note in an otherwise solid report. Stagnant wages have been a chronic weakness in the job market

since the recession ended.

Voters listed the economy as their top concern in Tuesday's elections, and the sluggish pace of pay growth was a likely factor. Average hourly pay rose 3 cents in October to \$24.57. That's just 2 percent above the average wage 12 months earlier and barely ahead of a 1.7 percent inflation rate.

Some economists say, though, that they're seeing early signs of rising pay, especially as more jobs emerge in higher-paying sectors. If so, more workers could begin to enjoy thicker paychecks in coming months. A broad measure of pay and fringe benefits, which captures bonus pay that the jobs report's gauges miss, has risen in the past six months at its fastest pace since 2008.

"We think that there is plenty of evidence to suggest that ... wage growth is accelerating," said Paul Ashworth, an economist at Capital Economics.

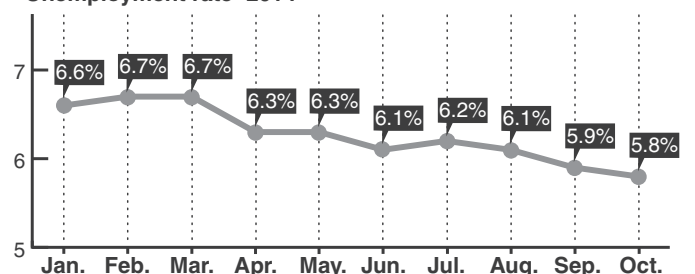
The U.S. unemployment

rate fell in October even as more Americans began look-

Unemployment down

Unemployment was at a six-year low this October as employers added 214,000 new jobs to their payrolls

Unemployment rate -2014



Total nonfarm employees added to payrolls -2014



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Reuters
Graphic: Erik Rodriguez

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China pledges \$40 billion for new 'Silk Road'

BEIJING (AP)—Chinese President Xi Jinping is promising \$40 billion to help Asian nations improve trade links in a new effort to assert Beijing's ambitions as a regional leader.

Xi made the pledge in a meeting with leaders of Pakistan, Bangladesh and five other Asian nations ahead of this week's Asia-Pacific economic summit, state media reported Sunday.

The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation gathering brings together leaders of the United States, China, Japan and 18 other economies, giving Beijing a prominent platform to assert its ambitions for a regional leadership role to match its status as the world's second-largest economy.

The summit Monday and Tuesday also gives opportunities for regional diplomacy, including a possible ice-breaking meeting between the leaders of China and Japan after two years of tensions in an island dispute that raised concerns of a military confrontation between Asia's two largest economies.

Beijing has launched a series of initiatives this year aimed at increasing its influence in what it sees as U.S.-dominated regional and global trade, finance and security structures.

The latest effort, the "Silk Road Fund," will finance infrastructure and cooperation in industry and finance to link Asian economies, Xi said in the meeting Saturday

with leaders of Bangladesh, Cambodia, Laos, Mongolia, Myanmar, Pakistan and Tajikistan.

"Efforts by a single or several countries are far from adequate," said Xi, according to China's official Xinhua News Agency. "Only by building extensive partnerships where all will think and work in unison can we expect to achieve positive results."

Last month, China and 20 other Asian governments launched a \$50 billion bank to finance infrastructure in the region, despite U.S. objections that it was an unneeded duplication of work by the World Bank. Beijing is providing most of the startup capital.

In May, Xi called for the creation of a new Asian structure

for security cooperation based on a group that includes Russia and excludes the United States.

Linking Asian countries is "not merely about building roads and bridges or making linear connection of different places," Xi was quoted as saying.

"More importantly, it should be a three-way combination of infrastructure, institutions and people-to-people exchanges and a five-way progress in policy communication, infrastructure connectivity, trade link, capital flow and understanding among peoples," he said.

In a speech Sunday, Xi said China's economy is shifting to a "new normal" of slower but more stable growth and has the resiliency to overcome any bumps in the road.

Nation

Massachusetts town weighs nation's 1st tobacco ban

WESTMINSTER, Mass. (AP)—The cartons of Marlboros, cans of Skoal and packs of Swisher Sweets are hard to miss stacked near the entrance of Vincent's Country Store, but maybe not for much longer: All tobacco products could become contraband if local health officials get their way.

This sleepy central Massachusetts town of 7,700 has become an improbable battleground in America's tobacco wars. On Wednesday, the Board of Health will hear public comment on a proposed regulation that could make Westminister the first municipality in the United States to ban sales of all tobacco products within town lines.

"To my knowledge, it would be the first in the nation to enact a total ban," said Thomas Carr, director of national policy at the American Lung Association. "We commend the town for doing it."

Town health agent Elizabeth Swedberg said a ban seemed like a sensible solution to a vexing problem.

"The tobacco companies are really promoting products to hook young people," she said, pointing to 69-cent bubblegum-flavored cigars, electronic cigarettes and a new form of dissolvable smokeless tobacco that resembles Tic Tac candies. "The board was getting frustrated trying to keep up with this."

Citing a report from the U.S. surgeon general, Swedberg said that if tobacco use continues unabated, 5.6 million American children who are younger than 18 today will die prematurely because of smoking. Change, she said, "has to start somewhere."

Brian Vincent would rather it not start with his family-owned grocery on Main Street. Tobacco products, he said, make up more than 5 percent of sales.

A quarter of his customers purchase tobacco, Vincent said, and while they're there, they often pick up a gallon of milk or one of the fresh-baked maple-candied bacon chocolate chip cookies that are displayed by the check-out aisle.

"It's going to send business five minutes this way or five minutes that way—no one's going to quit," said Vincent, who admits to enjoying a cigar himself now and then.

Encouraged by the New England Convenience Store Association, Vincent has been asking customers to sign a petition against the proposal. He has gathered more than 800 signatures so far, and other merchants are on track to deliver hundreds more to town officials this week.

David Sutton, a spokesman for Richmond, Virginia-based Altria Group Inc., owner of the

nation's biggest cigarette maker, Philip Morris USA, called the proposal a "bad policy" that will harm local employers.

"We believe businesses should be able to choose which products they carry," Sutton

said. "If the ban were to be implemented, adult tobacco and e-vapor consumers could shift their purchases to neighboring stores. The proposed regulations, if enacted, would fundamentally alter these businesses

and would likely cost Westminister jobs."

So many people have called Town Hall about the proposal, the Board of Health—whose meetings about septic system updates and mosquito control

rarely attract an audience—will hold Wednesday's public hearing in an elementary school cafeteria rather than in its usual second-floor conference room.

Colleen Conner, who pops into Vincent's nearly every day

to pick up a pack of American Spirits, is among those who signed the petition. Should the measure pass, she said, she'll drive 25 miles north to New Hampshire and buy her cigarettes there in bulk.

American freed by North Korea wanted pizza

SEATTLE (AP)—Kenneth Bae arrived home after years of imprisonment in North Korea, expressing his gratitude to the U.S. government for securing his release and revealing that his time there offered lessons.

And his sister said he had one stipulation for his first meal back home: No Korean food.

"He said, 'I don't want Korean food, that's all I've been eating for the last two years,'" Terri Chung said Sunday outside her Seattle church. "We had a late night eating pizza."

Bae and Matthew Miller, another American who had been held captive in North Korea, landed Saturday night at a Washington state military base after a top U.S. intelligence official secured their release.

"It's been an amazing two years, I learned a lot, I grew a lot, I lost a lot of weight," Bae, a Korean-American missionary with health problems, said at Joint Base-Lewis-McChord Saturday night. Asked how he was feeling, he said, "I'm recovering at this time."

Bae, surrounded by family members, spoke briefly to the media after the plane carrying him and Miller landed.



Kenneth Bae, center, who had been held in North Korea since 2012, is hugged after arriving Saturday, Nov. 8, 2014, at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., after they were freed during a top-secret mission.

He thanked President Barack Obama and the people who supported him and his family. He also thanked the North Korean government for releasing him.

"I just want to say thank you all for supporting me and standing by me," Bae said. His family has said he suffers from diabetes, an enlarged heart, liver problems and back pain.

Chung said Bae was in bet-

ter shape when he arrived than his family expected. She said he had spent about six weeks in a North Korean hospital before he returned.

"That helped. As you know, he had gone back and forth between the labor camp and hospital," she said.

She said he was checked out

by a doctor on the flight back to the United States.

His plans for the near future include rest and food and reconnecting with friends and family. Neither his wife nor his children could make it back to Seattle in time for Bae's homecoming, his sister said.

They plan to gather the whole family together for Thanksgiving," she said.

Members of Bae's family, who live near the sprawling military base south of Seattle, had met him when he landed. His mother hugged him after he got off the plane. Miller stepped off the U.S. government aircraft a short time later and also was greeted with hugs.

U.S. officials said Miller of Bakersfield, California, and Bae of Lynnwood, Washington, flew back with James Clapper, the director of national intelligence. Clapper was the highest-ranking American to visit Pyongyang in more than a decade.

Florida woman survives 45 minutes with no pulse

BOCA RATON, Fla. (AP)—A Florida mother is home and tending to her new infant less than a month after surviving without a pulse for 45 minutes following complications from a routine cesarean section.

A spokesman for Boca Raton Regional Hospital told The Associated Press on Sunday that a team of medical workers spent three hours attempting to revive the woman after a rare amniotic fluid embolism.

Spokesman Thomas Chakurda says the doctors were preparing to pronounce her death when a blip on a monitor indicated a heartbeat. Despite going 45 minutes without a pulse, she suffered no brain damage during the Sept. 23 ordeal.

"She essentially spontaneously resuscitated when we were about to call the time of death," said Thomas Chakurda, the hospital spokesman.

Doctors had called the family into the operating room and told

them there was nothing more they could do for 40-year-old Ruby Graupera-Cassimiro.

Graupera-Cassimiro gave birth to a healthy daughter before amniotic fluid entered her bloodstream and heart and created a vacuum, stopping circulation. Doctors say condition is often fatal.

Chakurda said the woman's survival is a story of two miracles—her resuscitation and the fact that she survived without serious brain damage.

Medical workers used shock paddles and chest compressions throughout the emergency to try and restore heart beat and circulation, Chakurda said.

"Today she is the picture of health," he said.

Doctors had no immediate explanation for her survival, Chakurda said, calling her case one of "divine providence."

Graupera-Cassimiro did not return a phone message left by The Associated Press on Sunday.

Study: Hundreds of kids harmed by detergent 'pods'

CHICAGO (AP) -- Accidental poisonings from squishy laundry detergent packets sometimes mistaken for toys or candy landed more than 700 U.S. children in the hospital in just two years, researchers report. Coma and seizures were among the most serious complications.

The cases stem from the more than 17,000 poison center calls about the products received in the past two years. The calls involved children younger than 6 and most weren't seriously harmed. But one child died last year and the potential risks highlight a need for even safer packaging, the researchers said.

Some manufacturers already have revised packaging and labels in efforts to make the detergent packets or "pods" safer for children. The study found calls dipped slightly after some of those changes were made.

The products contain concentrated liquid laundry soap and became widely available in the U.S. two years ago. Some are multicolored and may look enticing to young children. Poisoning or injuries including mouth, throat and eye burns can occur when kids burst the capsules or put them in their mouths.

In the study, 144 had eye injuries, 30 went into comas and 12 had seizures.

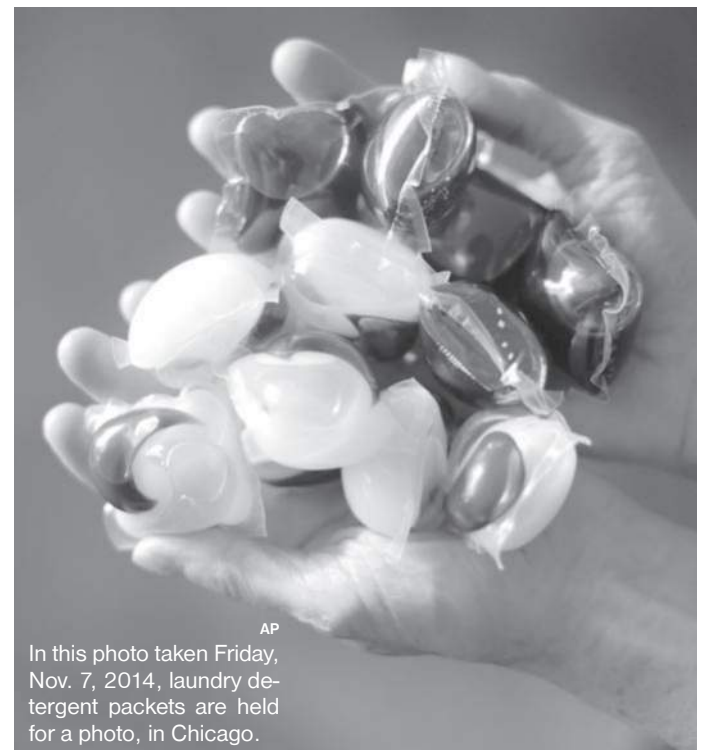
Exposure to household clean-

ing products is among the top reasons for calls to poison centers involving young children. In 2012, detergent packet calls accounted for a fraction—about 6 percent—of the 111,000 calls involving young children and cleaning products, according to the American Association of Poison Control Centers. Many calls involve regular laundry detergent, which can cause mild stomach upsets, but poison center experts say the new concentrated laundry packets seem to

cause more severe problems.

Jessica Morin of Houston says her 9-month-old daughter, Marlow, was sickened earlier this year when Jessica's grandmother mistook a detergent pod for a teething toy and put it in the baby's mouth.

"I called poison control and they said to take her to the ER immediately," Morin said. Marlow was repeatedly vomiting and underwent tests, but doctors at Texas Children's Hospital found no serious damage and she didn't need to stay overnight.



In this photo taken Friday, Nov. 7, 2014, laundry detergent packets are held for a photo, in Chicago.

Asia

A year after Haiyan, some move on; others agonize

TACLOBAN, Philippines (AP)—Four months after she lost her husband and home to Typhoon Haiyan's fury, Agnes Bacsal gave birth to their sixth child—a sprightly boy, whose company has eased the family's pain.

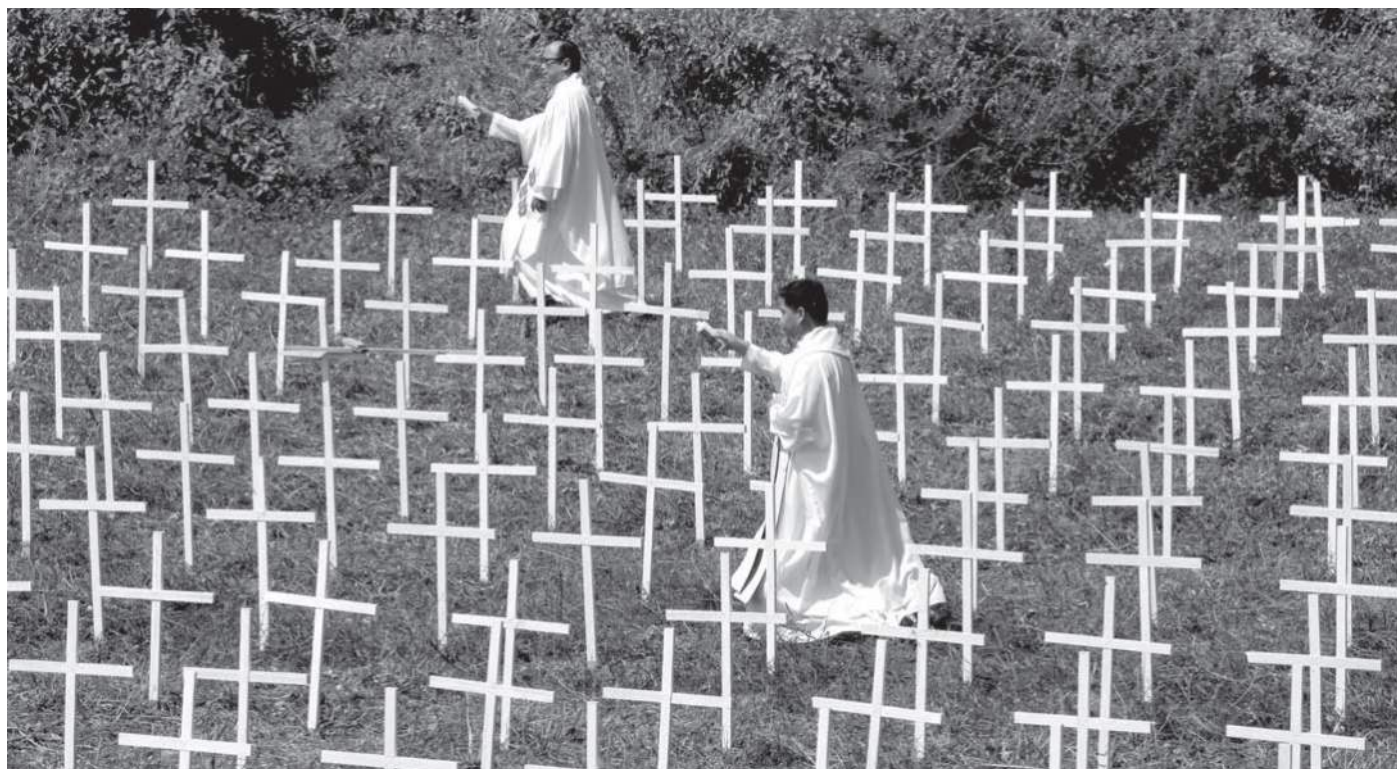
Other survivors, like fisherman Ben Pedrero, still struggle. His wife and son perished in the monster storm and more than 40 other relatives are still missing, one year later.

"In just a blink of an eye, they were all gone. I'll only overcome this tragedy when I die myself," the 61-year-old Pedrero said, wiping tears with his shirt as he helped relatives roast a pig and prepare food for the disaster's anniversary.

On Saturday, as church bells pealed and sirens wailed across this central Philippine city to commemorate the moment on Nov. 8, 2013, when Haiyan barreled inland from the Pacific, Bacsal and Pedrero were planning to light candles and offer prayers at separate mass graves in Tacloban.

Leyte Roman Catholic Bishop John Du led prayers at a site where close to 2,300 people are buried. Some lit candles and wrote names of their family members on newly planted white crosses in the vast field on the outskirts of the city. At a city hall commemoration, 1,000 white balloons were released to signify acceptance of the human loss.

Typhoon Haiyan leveled entire villages with ferocious winds and tsunami-like waves, leaving more than 7,300 people dead or missing.



Roman Catholic priests bless with Holy Water thousands of crosses at the mass grave for Typhoon Haiyan victims following a memorial mass to commemorate the 1st anniversary of the super typhoon Saturday, Nov. 8, 2014 on the outskirts of Tacloban city, Leyte province in central Philippines.

Funeral parlors were overwhelmed, forcing survivors to bury their dead near where they were found—on church grounds, roadsides and beaches, as well as in front yards and backyards.

The worst-hit city of Tacloban and outlying regions have crawled back from the rubble. Shopping malls, hotels and offices have reopened, with cars, taxis and motorcycles clogging downtown streets—the same spots where huge mounds of debris and bodies lay scattered weeks after Haiyan blew away. Yet, human scars are harder to overcome.

The storm's 7-meter (21-foot)

-high waves also took away Pedrero's house with all its precious belongings—including his family's pictures and other mementos. Also gone was his fishing boat, which provided his only source of income.

Like him, Bacsal still relies on dole-outs, mostly from relatives and friends. Without her husband, tricycle driver Jonathan and her house, she now lives with her six children in a shack built from storm debris.

Amid continuing adversity, Bacsal's family is being held together by faith—an altar with rosaries and the images of Jesus and the Virgin Mary adorn a

wall—and a bubbly, new family member, 7-month-old baby John William. His cries filled the bare shack.

"He gives me joy, just by being beside me," Bacsal said, cradling her baby.

A 14-year-old daughter, Maria Jean, beamed with optimism. "I'll be the best businesswoman in Asia and bring them out of here someday," she said when asked about her plans.

With help from relatives and friends, Bacsal was able to send Maria Jean to high

school. They scrimp on grocery items recently donated by a city official and were able to sell extra food stuff to neighbors in an improvised store.

They sometimes miss out on meals.

While the exact figures for the dead and missing are still being collected, the physical recovery from Haiyan remains a challenge. The typhoon demolished about a million houses and displaced more than 4 million people in one of the country's poorest regions, where a

Marxist insurgency has endured for decades.

Overall damage was estimated at 571.1 billion pesos (\$12.9 billion), including about 16 million knocked-down coconut trees, a major source of livelihood.

With the loss of income, about a million more people were pushed deeper into poverty, according to the Asian Development Bank.

Building more than 200,000 new houses for the poor, who were left with nothing, is proving difficult. The Philippine government, backed by international donors, has built temporary bunkhouses and shelters, but many residents have hammered back their shacks in the same coastal villages where they were hit by the storm—and which have been officially declared "no-build zones."

About 3,000 people still live in tents in Tacloban, though the city government has pledged to move them to permanent housing by the end of the year. Under the long-term plan to protect against similar typhoon onslaughts, the government wants to build an elevated road connecting Tacloban to two coastal towns that also will serve as a dike.

"Like you, I am impatient," President Benigno Aquino III told residents during a visit Friday to nearby Eastern Samar province.

He added, however, "We can't be reckless as we build back better."

Indonesians pray for Hong Kong stabbing victims

HONG KONG (AP)—More than 100 Indonesians in Hong Kong held a prayer vigil and demanded justice Sunday for two Indonesian women found stabbed to death in a case that has shocked this city.

Sitting on a soccer field in the city's Victoria Park, many wept as they remembered the two victims, 25-year-old Sumarti Ningsih and 29-year-old Seneng Mujiasih. Like the two women, many of those at the vigil came to Hong Kong as domestic workers.

British banker Rurik George Caton Jutting, 29, has been charged with murdering the two women but has not yet entered a plea. On Nov. 1, he led police to his 31st-floor upscale apartment near the city's Wan Chai red-light district, where they found the two women's bodies.

HONG KONG (AP)—A British banker charged with murdering two Indonesian women in Hong Kong will undergo a psychiatric assessment to determine whether

he is fit to enter a plea in his trial. Rurik Jutting appeared briefly Monday at a pre-trial hearing before the judge adjourned proceedings for two weeks while the psychiatric assessments are carried out. A lawyer for Jutting said he has not yet agreed to participate in a police reconstruction at the crime scene but did not rule out giving consent in the future. Jutting did not speak at the hearing, which lasted only a few minutes before he was remanded back into prison custody.

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Ningsih's cousin, Jumiati, said at the vigil that she had last seen Ningsih in August in their home village in Indonesia. Like many Indonesians, Jumiati goes by only one name.

She said she called police about a week ago to report that Ningsih was missing and later was asked to identify her body. She said her cousin lived in Wan Chai.

"I hope the killer will be punished and will feel the same as

what has been done to my cousin," Jumiati said.

Susati, a friend of Ningsih's, broke down in tears as she remembered Ningsih, who had a 5-year-old son back home.

"I have lost my best friend, and I am devastated," she said.

Several in the crowd held signs demanding reforms to Hong Kong and Indonesian laws governing how domestic workers can find work and how long they can stay in the semiautonomous city. About half of the 319,325 migrant domestic workers in Hong Kong are Indonesian, and nearly all are women, according to the human rights group Amnesty International.

Mujiasih had overstayed her domestic worker visa, while Ningsih had returned to the city on a tourist visa, said Indonesian Consulate spokesman Sam Aryadi.

"She was good and she was nice to her family," Jumiati said of her cousin. "She tried to work, work and work to give her son a better life."

Kabul police chief survives assassination attempt

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Afghan authorities are investigating how a man wearing an explosives-packed vest was able to infiltrate the heavily guarded police headquarters in central Kabul on Sunday and attempt to assassinate the city's chief of police.

The suicide bomber's ability to pass through heavy security and make his way to within meters of Gen. Mohammad Zahir Zahir's office has revived concerns that insurgents have penetrated Afghanistan's security and intelligence forces.

The incident was a serious breach of security in the fortified center of the capital and has highlighted the vulnerability of Kabul to a determined and still-virulent Taliban insurgency as a dwindling number of U.S. and NATO troops shift from a combat role to training and support by the end of this year.

Sediq Sediqqi, spokesman for the Interior Ministry, said the incident had raised questions about someone "wearing a suicide vest had breached security".

"The man was wearing a civilian suit and had a file in his

hand and the suicide vest under his clothes," said Sediqqi.

"He was asking police directions to the chief of police's office, saying he had papers to deliver to him. This is the procedure for anyone who wants to meet with the chief of police, so the police sent him in the right direction."

Earlier, Zahir said that the man was wearing a military uniform. Sediqqi said that footage from closed-circuit television clearly showed the attacker's route through the compound.

Zahir was not in his office on the third floor of the building at the time of the attack, around 9 a.m., Sediqqi said, "but he was definitely the target".

NATO's International Security Assistance Force said that none of its personnel were injured in the attack, and there were no reports that anyone attached to ISAF had been at the site at the time of the attack.

Zahir's chief of staff, Col. Mohammad Yasin was killed in the attack. At least seven others were wounded, according to police and the health ministry. Kaneshka Baktash Turkistani, spokesman for the Health Min-

istry, said the wounded included a small child.

The compound is in one of the most heavily guarded areas of Kabul and also houses the office of the Kabul provincial governor, the Appeals Court and police detention centers for men and women.

It is surrounded by high concrete blast walls, with turrets manned by paramilitary police armed with Russian-made PK heavy machine guns. Visitors must pass through a number of checkpoints, including body searches and x-rays, before reaching the main buildings.

Abdul Jabar Taqwa, the Kabul provincial governor, said windows across the compound were shattered by the blast at the police headquarters. "I was in my office in the building opposite the Kabul police chief's building when the explosion happened. It was a strong blast and shattered all the windows in my office," he said.

Insurgents have intensified attacks on the Afghan capital in the past year, coinciding with a drawn-out presidential election and the inauguration in September of President Ashraf Ghani.

World

Iraqi officials say IS leader wounded in airstrike

BAGHDAD (AP)—Iraqi officials said Sunday that the head of the Islamic State group, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, was wounded in an airstrike in western Anbar province. Pentagon officials said they had no immediate information on such an attack or on the militant leader being injured.

Iraq's Defense and Interior

ministries both issued statements saying al-Baghdadi had been wounded, without elaborating, and the news was broadcast on state-run television Sunday night.

The reports came at a time when President Barack Obama said the U.S.-led coalition was in a position to start going on the offensive against the Islamic

State militants.

Al-Baghdadi, believed to be in his early 40s, has a \$10 million U.S. bounty on his head. Since taking the reins of the group in 2010, he has transformed it from a local branch of al-Qaida into an independent transnational military force.

He has positioned himself as

perhaps the pre-eminent figure in the global jihadi community. His forces have seized large parts of Syria and Iraq, killed thousands of people, beheaded Westerners and drawn the U.S. troops and warplanes back into the region, where Washington is leading a campaign of airstrikes by a multinational coalition.

An Interior Ministry intelligence official told The Associated Press that al-Baghdadi was wounded by an Iraqi airstrike that came during a meeting Saturday with militants in the town of Qaim. The official, cited informants within the militant group. A senior Iraqi military official also said he learned in

operational meetings that al-Baghdadi had been wounded.

The operation was carried out by Iraqi security forces, both officials said, although they did not know how seriously al-Baghdadi was hurt. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss confidential material.

Germany marks 25 years since Berlin Wall's fall

BERLIN (AP)—Germany on Sunday celebrates the 25th anniversary of the night the Berlin Wall fell, a pivotal moment in the collapse of communism and the start of the country's emergence as the major power at the heart of Europe.

A 15-kilometer (nine-mile) chain of lighted balloons along the former border will be released into the air early Sunday evening—around the time on Nov. 9, 1989 when a garbled announcement by a senior communist official set off the chain

of events that brought down the Cold War's most potent symbol.

The opening of East Germany's fortified frontier capped months of ferment across eastern and central Europe that had already ushered in Poland's first post-communist prime minister and prompted Hungary to cut open its border fence. The hard-line leadership in East Berlin faced mounting pressure from huge protests and an exodus of citizens via other communist countries.

The collapse of the Wall,

which had divided the city for 28 years, was "a point of no return ... from there, things headed toward a whole new world order," said Axel Klausmeier, the director of the city's main Wall memorial.

Chancellor Angela Merkel, who grew up in East Germany, is opening an overhauled museum Sunday at the site—home to one of the few surviving sections of the Wall.

Merkel, 60, who was then a physicist and entered politics as communism crumbled, recalls

the feeling of being stuck behind East Germany's border.

"Even today when I walk through the Brandenburg Gate, there's a residual feeling that this wasn't possible for many years of my life, and that I had to wait 35 years to have this feeling of freedom," Merkel said last week. "That changed my life."

The future chancellor was among the thousands who poured westward hours after the ruling Politburo's spokesman, Guenter Schabowski, off-handedly announced at a televised news conference that East Germans would be allowed to travel to West Germany and West Berlin.

Pressed on when that would take effect, Schabowski seemed uncertain but said: "To my knowledge, this is immediately, without delay." Soon, Western media were reporting that East

Germany was opening the border and East Berliners were jamming the first crossing.

Border guards had received no orders to let anyone cross, but gave up trying to hold back the crowds. By midnight, all the border crossings in the city were open.

East Germany's then-leader, Egon Krenz, later said the plan was to allow free travel only the next morning so citizens could line up properly to get exit visas. But with the leadership's control over the border well and truly lost, Germany was soon on the road to reunification less than a year later, on Oct. 3, 1990.

Since then, some 1.5 to 2 trillion euros (\$1.9 to \$2.5 trillion) has gone into rebuilding the once-dilapidated east.

Much has changed beyond recognition, though some inequalities persist.

Wages and pensions remain

lower, and unemployment higher, in the east than the west. Many eastern areas saw their population drop as people headed west for jobs, something that is only now showing signs of turning around.

There are cultural differences too: a higher proportion of children are in daycare in the east, a legacy of communist times, and the opposition Left Party—partly descended from East Germany's communist rulers—remains strongest in the east.

But the progress toward true unity is seen in Germany's top leadership: Not only is Merkel from the east, but so is the nation's president, Joachim Gauck, a former Protestant pastor and pro-democracy activist.

Germans today can be grateful to have lives and opportunities, Gauck said, "that endless numbers of people in the world can only desire and dream of."

Fall of the Berlin Wall

The Berlin Wall, a barrier constructed to cut off West Berlin from East Berlin, came to symbolize the "Iron Curtain." 25 years ago, on Nov. 10 in 1989, the wall opened up and eventually was torn down.



Key dates

- **Aug. 13, 1961**
Berlin Wall is constructed.
- **Aug. 24, 1961**
Gunter Litfin, 24, of East Germany, is shot dead; first fatal shooting.
- **June 12, 1987**
President Ronald Reagan visits Berlin and urges Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to tear down the wall.
- **Feb. 5, 1989**
Chris Gueffroy is shot; last fatal shooting.
- **Oct. 3, 1990:**
German reunification is concluded, creating one Germany.

The wall comes down

On Nov. 9, 1989, all borders between East Germany and West Germany were opened and thousands celebrated in Berlin as the 28-year-old wall was torn down.

Last weeks of the wall

- **Oct. 6-7, 1989**
Anti-government demonstrations in East Berlin, Dresden, Leipzig.
- **Oct. 18**
East German leader Erich Honecker removed from power.
- **Nov. 9**
All borders to West Germany open.
- **Nov. 10**
Two million East Germans cross into West Germany.

Source: Checkpoint Charlie Museum, Berlin-wall.org
Graphic: Staff

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Balloons of the art installation 'Lichtgrenze 2014' fly away in front of Brandenburg Gate during the central event commemorating the fall of the wall in Berlin, Germany, Sunday, Nov. 9, 2014.

Small plane crashes in Bahamas, killing 9 on board

FREEPORT, Grand Bahama (AP)—A small plane crashed Sunday on approach to the island of Grand Bahama, killing all 9 people on board, the government of the Bahamas said.

The Lear 36 Executive Jet had taken off from the Bahamian capital of Nassau and crashed while attempting to land around 5 p.m. local time in Freeport, according to a statement from the Ministry of Transport and Aviation.

"The Department of Civil

Aviation has been advised unofficially that the aircraft was destroyed and that there were no survivors," the ministry said.

The crash occurred as people were gathering in Grand Bahama for the 2014 Global Leadership Forum. The Bahamas Tribune newspaper reported that Myles Munroe, a prominent Bahamian minister who organized the event, was killed along with several people in his entourage.

Chief Supt. Clarence Reckley

said he could not confirm the report and that authorities were still trying to determine the identities of the victims.

The cause of the crash has not yet been determined though there had been heavy rain across the region.

Police and fire authorities were on scene and a full investigation would begin at daylight on Monday.

Grand Bahama is about 70 miles (113 kilometers) east of Florida.

Overdrive

Survey finds people text and drive knowing dangers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)— Nearly everyone agrees that texting and driving is dangerous. Many people do it anyway.

In an AT&T-sponsored survey of frequent drivers who text daily—regardless of where they are—98 percent said they were aware of the dangers of texting behind the wheel. Nonetheless, three-quarters of them admitted to texting while driving, despite broad public-service campaigns and laws against it in some states.

Two-thirds said they have read text messages while stopped at a red light or stop sign, while more than a quarter said they have sent texts while driving. More than a quarter of those who texted while driving believed they “can easily do several things at once, even while driving.”

AT&T Inc. released the survey Wednesday as part of an anti-texting-and-driving campaign. AT&T designed the survey with David Greenfield, founder of The Center for Internet and Technology Addiction and a professor at the University of Connecticut’s School of Medicine.

The survey came as AT&T expanded availability of a free app that silences text message alerts and activates automatically when a person is moving 15 miles per hour or faster. (Passengers can turn it off.) The DriveMode app is coming to iPhones after being previously available on Android and BlackBerry phones for AT&T users only. The iPhone version will be available to customers of competing carriers as well, but some functions will work only on AT&T devices.

The study in May was of cellphone owners ages 16 to 65 who drive almost every day and text at least once a day. It has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3.1 percentage points.

Researchers conducted surveys with people on their cellphones, and it’s possible those who would have picked up on a landline might have different attitudes. It’s also possible attitudes among those who don’t text as often are different. Researchers excluded 343 people because they didn’t text or drive enough to meet the criteria. After those and other exclusions, 1,004 U.S. adults completed the telephone survey.

Greenfield said the survey is the latest to show a discrepancy between people’s attitudes and behaviors.

It found a broad range of reasons why drivers text. Forty-three percent of the texting drivers said they want to “stay connected” to friends, family and work. Nearly a third did it out of habit.

Among other reasons for texting and driving:

- Twenty-eight percent said they are worried about missing out of something important if they don’t check their phones right away.
- More than a quarter believes that their driving performance is not affected by texting, and just as many people said they believe that others expect them to respond to texts “right away.”
- Just 6 percent answered that they are “addicted to texting,” although 14 percent admitted that they are “anxious” if they don’t respond to a text right away, and 17 percent feel

“a sense of satisfaction” when they can read or respond to a text message.

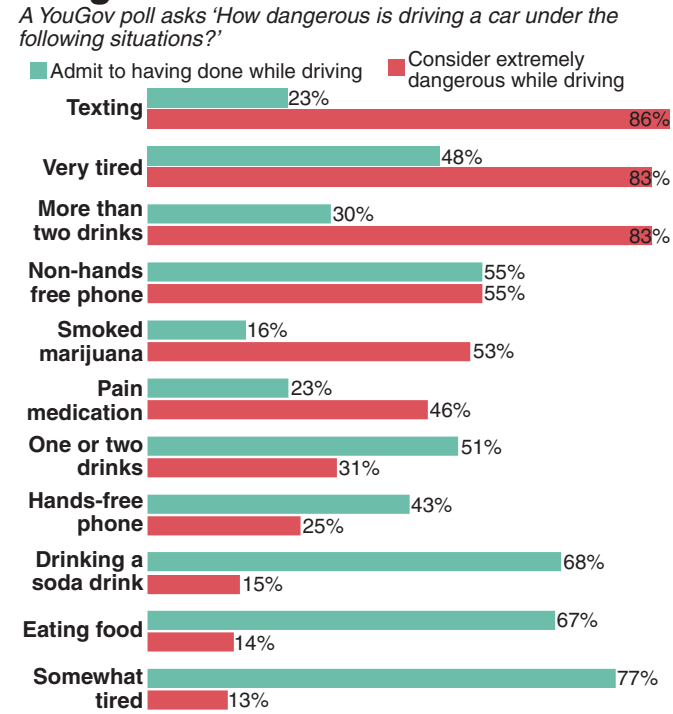
Reggie Shaw was 19 in 2006 when he caused a car accident while texting, killing two people. Today, he speaks out against texting and driving.

“It’s something I struggle with every day,” he said. “I know that I need to go out and talk to others about it. I don’t want others to make the same mistake I did.”



In this Feb. 26, 2013 file photo, a man uses his cell phone as he drives through traffic in Dallas.

Danger behind the wheel



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Life & Style

Nicki Minaj, Ariana Grande big winners at MTV EMAs

GLASGOW, Scotland (AP)—Nicki Minaj rapped about shortbread and Ariana Grande capped a breakthrough year with two trophies as the MTV Europe Music Awards celebrated its 20th anniversary Sunday with a Scottish-accented show in Glasgow.

Grande was named best female artist and also took the best-single prize for "Problem," one of a string of hits she's had this year. The 21-year-old American singer said she was doubly grateful to the EMAs—meeting Iggy Azalea at last year's awards show led directly to working with the Australian rapper on "Problem."

"This is absolutely crazy," Grande said after her second win of the night.

It was a good result for a performer who admitted she was too excited to sleep the night before the ceremony, and said was shaking after walking past a gaggle of photographers on the red carpet.

Minaj proved a confident if conventional host for the show at Glasgow's SSE Hydro arena, and she also took home the prize for best hip-hop artist.

"I've been learning so much about your beautiful country and culture ... I've pretty much become Scottish," Minaj said. She illustrated it by rapping about whiskey and shortbread and singing a snippet of The Proclaimers' anthem "500 Miles."

Minaj's more provocative side was kept under tight control. There were writhing dancers during a performance



Singer Ariana Grande performs during the 2014 MTV European Music Awards in Glasgow, Sunday, Nov. 9, 2014.

Beyonce did not appear as widely rumored, and Scottish DJ Calvin Harris had to pull out due to illness. But thousands

of young Scottish music fans in the arena—and a global TV audience—saw a high-energy show featuring performances from acts including Ed Sheeran, Alicia Keys, Enrique Iglesias and U2, who brought their own string section.

Rising talent was represented by the likes of crunchy British

rock duo Royal Blood and singer Charli XCX, while former "Baywatch" star David Hasselhoff got a rousing cheer when he took the stage in a kilt.

Winners of the awards are selected by fans across the continent. The EMAs are held in a different European city each year.

George W. Bush says dad pondered skipping 2nd term

DALLAS (AP)—George H.W. Bush seriously considered not running for re-election in 1992 even though he loved his job, according to a new book written by former President George W. Bush.

A complimentary account of his dad's presidency and glimpse into his personal life, "41: A Portrait of my Father," is scheduled to hit shelves on Tuesday, when the two will make a rare joint appearance at the elder Bush's presidential library in College Station, Texas. The Associated Press purchased an advance copy.

The book, which Bush kept under wraps until last summer, examines his father's decision to launch the first war in Iraq in 1991, his early failures in politics and his stinging defeat to Bill Clinton in 1992. It also relates personal anecdotes, in-

cluding how the elder Bush struggled with the death of his daughter, Robin, of leukemia, and how he attempted to set up his namesake in the 1960s with Trisha Nixon, former President Richard Nixon's daughter.

George H.W. Bush, now 90, pondered not running for a second term because he felt his role was creating undue scrutiny of his son, Neil Bush, who was facing a federal lawsuit, according to the book.

"It killed him to see Neil singled out because he was the President's son," Bush wrote.

The elder Bush also hesitated because he had developed an irregular heartbeat and was exhausted, Bush added.

Although other biographies have described the relationship between father and son as sometimes strained, Bush, 68, de-

scribes their "worst argument" as arising after he drove home drunk from a tennis match, a decision his father met with a disapproving silence.

The author does not delve deeply into his own turn in the White House but makes clear that he considered his father a key adviser. He also disputes the assertion that he went to war in Iraq because of the conflict during his father's presidency.

Legal battle involving Rolling Stones reaches Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Insurance underwriters involved in a legal battle with the Rolling Stones over a \$12.7 million claim have won permission to seek evidence in Utah about the mental health of Mick Jagger's girlfriend before she took her life in March.

A federal judge in Utah last month allowed the 12 underwriters to gather testimony and documents from Randall Bambrough of Ogden, the brother of L'Wren Scott.

She was a fashion designer and Utah native whose suicide prompted the rock group to postpone a concert tour of Australia and New Zealand and then file a \$12.7 million claim for losses due to its postponement.

Jagger was "diagnosed as suffering from acute traumatic stress disorder" after Scott's death and was advised by doctors not to perform for at least 30 days, according to documents filed in the court case in Utah.

Before the tour, the group took out a \$23.9 million policy to be paid in the event shows were canceled due to the death of family members or others, including Scott.

In denying the claim, underwriters said Scott might have been suffering from a pre-existing mental illness and her death might not be covered under the policy.

Underwriters are seeking information from Bambrough about possible illnesses, treatments and the circumstances of her death, The Salt Lake Tribune reported.

'Big Hero 6,' 'Interstellar' soar at box office

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A team of animated Marvel characters rocketed past a group of wormhole-bound astronauts at the weekend box office.

Disney's animated adventure "Big Hero 6," featuring the inflatable robot Baymax and his prodigy pal Hiro from the Marvel comic book, debuted in first place with \$56.2 million, according to studio estimates Sunday. Paramount's space saga "Interstellar," starring Matthew McConaughey and Anne Hathaway as astronauts, took off in second place with \$50 million, estimates said.

Before launching in more than 3,500 theaters this weekend, writer-director Christopher Nolan's "Interstellar" played Wednesday and Thursday in about 250 theaters equipped to project the movie on film—"The Dark Knight" filmmaker's preferred method of showcasing his creations.

"Interstellar" opened below Nolan's last film, the mind-bending thriller "Inception," which conjured up \$62.8 million when it debuted in 2010. Nolan's sci-fi odyssey also wasn't in the orbit of last year's \$55.8 million opening for Paramount's previous space epic, "Gravity." "Interstellar" has a hefty running time of 169 minutes, while "Gravity" clocked in at 91 minutes.

"The difference is 'Interstellar' isn't in 3D, and certainly the running time on our film does change the play pattern in that you lose an evening show," said Megan Colligan, Paramount's head of domestic marketing and distribution. "Given those factors, we did spectacularly well. 'Gravity' also opened by itself. We had another big film in the marketplace."

If the estimates hold up, this weekend will mark the fourth time in box office history that a pair of films both opened with \$50 million or above. The previous matchups were "Monsters University" vs. "World War Z" in 2013, "Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted" vs. "Prometheus" in 2012, and "WALL-E" vs. "Wanted" in 2008. In each instance, the animated option came out on top.

"Both movies were able to do well without cannibalizing each other's audiences," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for Rentrak. "By opening a diversity of product against each other, the industry can expand the marketplace. It's a perfect example of counterprogramming. It paid off for the industry, and it just doesn't happen that often."

Dergarabedian noted the box office total was down about 7 percent compared with the

same weekend last year, when the Disney superhero sequel "Thor: The Dark World" opened with \$85.7 million.

"Interstellar," which cost a reported \$165 million and is being distributed by Warner Bros. internationally, dominated overseas, earning an additional \$80 million from 62 markets, including the United Kingdom, South Korea, Russia and France. The film is set to open in China on Wednesday.

1. **"Big Hero 6,"** \$56.2 million (\$7.6 million international).
2. **"Interstellar,"** \$50 million (\$80 million international).
3. **"Gone Girl,"** \$6.1 million (\$8.5 million international).
4. **"Ouija,"** \$6 million (\$3.2 million international).
5. **"St. Vincent,"** \$5.7 million.
6. **"Nightcrawler,"** \$5.5 million (\$1 million international).
7. **"Fury,"** \$5.5 million (\$7 million international).
8. **"John Wick,"** \$4 million. (\$1.8 million international).
9. **"Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day,"** \$3.5 million (\$1.7 million international).
10. **"The Book of Life,"** \$2.8 million (\$3.5 million international).

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Your prayers, thoughts and presence are sincerely appreciated.

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Starry crowd celebrates honorary Academy Awards

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A constellation of stars gathered in Hollywood for an off-camera celebration of four stalwart film talents.

Reese Witherspoon, Jennifer Aniston, Steve Carell, Kevin Costner, Mark Wahlberg, Sidney Poitier, Ed Norton, Benedict Cumberbatch, Chris Rock, Eddie Redmayne, Ron Howard and Hilary Swank were among the celebrities toasting the first Oscar winners of the season at the film academy's Governors Awards Saturday night.

Actress Maureen O'Hara, filmmaker Hayao Miyazaki, screenwriter Jean-Claude Carrière and actor and activist Harry Belafonte accepted honorary Oscars at the private dinner ceremony at Hollywood & Highland's Ray Dolby Ballroom.

Jessica Chastain, Warren Beatty, Octavia Spencer, Jake Gyllenhaal, Mark Ruffalo, Robert

Duvall, Robert Downey Jr. and Tilda Swinton, sporting a platinum faux-hawk, also attended the three-hour celebration.

Pixar chief John Lasseter presented Miyazaki with an Oscar statuette, calling the Japanese animator "the most original filmmaker to ever work in our medium."

Accepting the trophy, Miyazaki said through a translator that he considered himself lucky, adding, "My greatest luck is that I got to meet Maureen O'Hara today."

The 94-year-old O'Hara was introduced by Liam Neeson and Clint Eastwood, each of whom confessed to having a crush on the Irish-born beauty. Neeson described her as "one of the true legends of cinema" and "one of the most adventurous women who ever lived," explaining the actress was a pioneer in doing her own stunts on screen.

O'Hara came to the stage in a wheelchair and read a brief statement of thanks in which she acknowledged filmmakers Charles Laughton and John Ford, along with her co-star in several films, John Wayne.

When Neeson handed her the Oscar, she asked in disbelief, "What's this?!"

"I only hope it's silver or gold and not like a spoon out of the kitchen," she said.

Carrière accepted his Oscar from "The Unbearable Lightness of Being" director, Philip Kaufman. The French screenwriter lauded the many directors he's collaborated with over his five decades in film, saying, "They're always present, even today. When I'm working, I hear their voices."

Chris Rock and Susan Sarandon introduced Belafonte, who received the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award for his decades

of activism for social justice.

"I'm not here to honor you," Rock said. "I'm here to thank you." Sarandon called the 87-year-old entertainer "a real-life, flesh and blood hero."

Belafonte said he was moved by the recognition.

"To be rewarded by my peers for my work for human rights, civil rights and for peace... It powerfully mutes the enemy's thunder," he said.

He shared the honor with Poitier, whom he referred to as "my elderly friend."

"He redirected the ship of racial hatred in American culture," Belafonte said.

He spoke of Hollywood's progress toward telling stories that offer "deeper insights into human existence," such as "Schindler's List," "Brokeback Mountain," and "12 Years a Slave," and film's far-reaching ability to influence popular opinion.



Susan Sarandon, left, and Harry Belafonte arrive at the 6th annual Governors Awards at the Hollywood and Highland Center on Saturday, Nov. 8, 2014 in Los Angeles.

"Maybe, just maybe, it could be civilization's game-changer," he said.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences established

the Governors Awards in 2009 to celebrate the annual winners of its honorary awards. Highlights from the ceremony will be included in the 2015 Oscar telecast.

Madonna's clothes from films, wedding auctioned

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Material Girl has still got it.

Julien's Auctions said Saturday that bidders worldwide sought items from Madonna's professional and personal life during the two-day Icons & Idols: Rock n' Roll auction in Beverly Hills that started Friday.

The auction house says the gown and stole from her "Material Girl" video sold for \$73,125, while the wedding dress the pop icon wore when she married Sean Penn in 1985 brought in \$81,250.

Her jacket from "Desperately Seeking Susan" sold for a record \$252,000 and one earring worn in the film fetched \$34,375.

Other highlights include the gown from the film "Evita"—which sold for \$15,000—and her "A League of Their Own" uniform—which sold for \$31,250.

This undated photo provided by Julien's Auctions shows portrait of Madonna by famed photographer Herb Ritts which sold for \$35,155 during Julien's two-day Icons & Idols: Rock n' Roll auction in Beverly Hills, Calif., that started Friday, Nov. 8, 2014.



AP

After 12 years, damaged statue restored to view

NEW YORK (AP)—A 15th-century statue that shattered into pieces when it fell from its pedestal at the Metropolitan Museum of Art is going back on display after a 12-year repair job that museum officials said broke new ground in how such conservation efforts are carried out.

The life-sized marble sculpture of Adam by Venetian sculptor Tullio Lombardo goes on view to the public on Tuesday. It's the first installation in the museum's new Venetian Sculpture Gallery.

In October 2002, the statue toppled when one side of its pedestal gave way. It broke into 28 large pieces and numerous small fragments, with most of the damage on the arms, lower legs and a decorative tree trunk. The head and face, along with the torso, managed to avoid serious damage, the museum said.

At the time, the museum's then-director, Philippe de Montebello, called it "a deep emotional loss."

The conservation effort brought together museum curators and conservators along with materials scientists and engineers. They looked for the best materials to use to hold the pieces together without damaging the marble, and in the process came up with new models and procedures for statue conservation, the museum said.

"Our extraordinary conservators collaborated with a team of experts over 12 years to pursue this extremely challenging work," said Thomas Campbell, the museum's director. "The results of their care and innovation are stunning."

The statue dates to the early 1490s and came to the Met in 1936.

Woman carrying less weight should avoid more candor

DEAR ABBY: I had weight-loss surgery three years ago. I am down 100 pounds and feel great. I'm new in the dating game and wonder if I'm supposed to disclose that I was previously 100 pounds overweight. Is it any of their business, or do I not address the topic?

LESS OF ME IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR LESS: I don't think your health history needs to be announced right from the "git-go." As people date, get to know each other, become comfortable and eventually intimate, more and more information is revealed. When it's appropriate to discuss it, you will know.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a widower and am dating a divorcee. We have been together for about 18 months. She says she loves me and wants to get married. I like her and enjoy her company, but that is it. I also have no desire to marry, or live with anyone, again.

I would like to end it and let her continue in her search for a husband, but every time I try to do it she cries. How can I tell her I am not the one?

NOT THE ONE IN WISCONSIN

DEAR NOT THE ONE: You and this lady have very differ-

ent objectives. I assume that if she has burst into tears she has already gotten your message. My advice is instead of repeating it, to stop calling her. However, if you feel that to achieve closure there must be a face-to-face conversation, approach it with a large box of tissues in your hand and repeat what you have written to me.

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DEAR ABBY: For the first time, I am hosting my nephew and his family for Thanksgiving. I abhor texting and any electronic amusements that deter face-to-face family communication. I need to know the best way to explain—before they arrive—that it is not allowed in my home.

HOSTESS WITH RULES IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR HOSTESS WITH RULES: Transmit your message the old-fashioned way. Call and tell them your wishes so they'll have plenty of time to make other plans if they feel unable to comply with your "house rules." It will also give you enough time to invite other guests in the event that your nephew and his family are so addicted to their electronics that they can't comfortably abide by your wishes.

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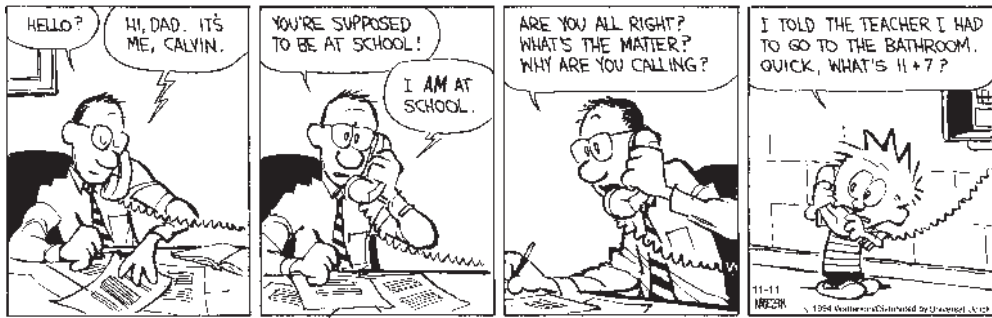
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Yesterday's answer 11-11

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Leonardo DiCaprio, 40; Calista Flockhart, 50; Demi Moore, 52; Stanley Tucci, 54.

Happy Birthday: Separate your private life from your professional life to avoid misunderstandings. Your home will be your safe haven. It's time to regroup and mastermind innovative ideas that will help you rise above anyone trying to make you look bad or tempt you into making wasteful decisions and alterations. Don't let uncertainty take over. Trust in your judgment through useful observation. Your numbers are 6, 11, 21, 27, 36, 46, 48.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A flexible attitude will help you navigate your way to success. Someone you have worked with in the past will make a proposal. Unfortunately, the glowing description you are offered initially isn't likely to live up to your expectations. **

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Pick up information, attend a conference or do some searching online for new career resources. Partnerships can help you reach your goals quickly and with confidence. Address an emotional matter practically. Don't fold under pressure. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Do what you can to assist your peers. If you work as a team player, you will gain respect and open up a window of opportunity to work on a specialized project that piques your interest. Don't donate to make an impression. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Choose a destination that allows you to grow spiritually, philosophically and educa-

tionally. It's not how far you travel, it's what you learn in the process that will lead you in a more positive direction. Romance is favored. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can bring about change without going over budget. If you stick to your game plan, you will avoid criticism. Keep your life simple and free of drama. Once you make a complaint, it will escalate out of control. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The possibility of romance is in the stars. Make your feelings and your intentions clear. Planning a small vacation that allows you to mix business with pleasure will bring interesting and unexpected results. Your intuition won't let you down. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Emotional problems will crop up, leaving you feeling uncertain about the future. Anger and discord are best avoided until you have a better understanding of what's transpired and how best to deal with the changes taking place. **

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Concentrate on what you can do, not on what others want. Make the most of your talents by using your insight. Altering the way you live or the standards you set will help you reach your life goals. Put yourself first. *****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Altering the way you live will lift your spirits and bring a little excitement and adventure back into your life. Broaden your horizons by taking on new endeavors and meeting interesting people. You cannot buy love, so don't spend to impress. ***

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Put in as much time as it takes to get a job finished. Your willpower and determination will make others take note and reward you for your accomplishments. Love is in the stars, so celebrate your achievements with a little romance. ***



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Work on the changes required to improve your financial, legal or medical situations. You will face obstacles if you include others in your decisions. Do what's best for you, but try to stay within your budget. ***



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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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Rodgers tosses 6 TDs in Packers rout of Bears



GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP)—Aaron Rodgers had a record-setting night for the Green Bay Packers. The Chicago Bears' season is quickly turning into a nightmare.

Rodgers threw six touchdown passes to tie the franchise game record and match the NFL record for a half, and the Packers routed the reeling Bears 55-14 on Sunday night.

Rodgers was 18 of 27 for 315 yards, throwing touchdown passes of 73 and 40 yards to Jordy Nelson. The Packers (6-3) led 42-0 at halftime. Rodgers watched most of the second half from the sideline in knit cap with the win well in hand.

The 190th meeting of the NFL's oldest rivalry turned into an old-fashioned blowout.

He tied the team touchdown pass record that he shared with Matt Flynn and matched the NFL mark for a half set by Oakland's Daryle Lamonia in 1969.

A night full of milestones included Rodgers' 16th scoring pass of 70 yards or more to break the record he shared with Denver's Peyton Manning and Rodgers' predecessor in Green Bay, Brett Favre. Rodgers looked just fine two weeks after tweaking his left hamstring in a loss to New Orleans.

The 55 points tied a Packers record at Lambeau Field.

Both teams were coming off byes. The down time didn't help the Bears, who have lost five of six to drop to 3-6.

Their defense has fallen completely apart.

49ers 27, Saints 24

In New Orleans, Colin Kaepernick completed a 51-yard pass on fourth down to sustain a tying drive, Ahmad Brooks sacked and stripped Drew Brees in overtime, and Phil Dawson kicked a 35-yard field goal to cap San Francisco's stirring 27-24 victory over New Orleans on Sunday.

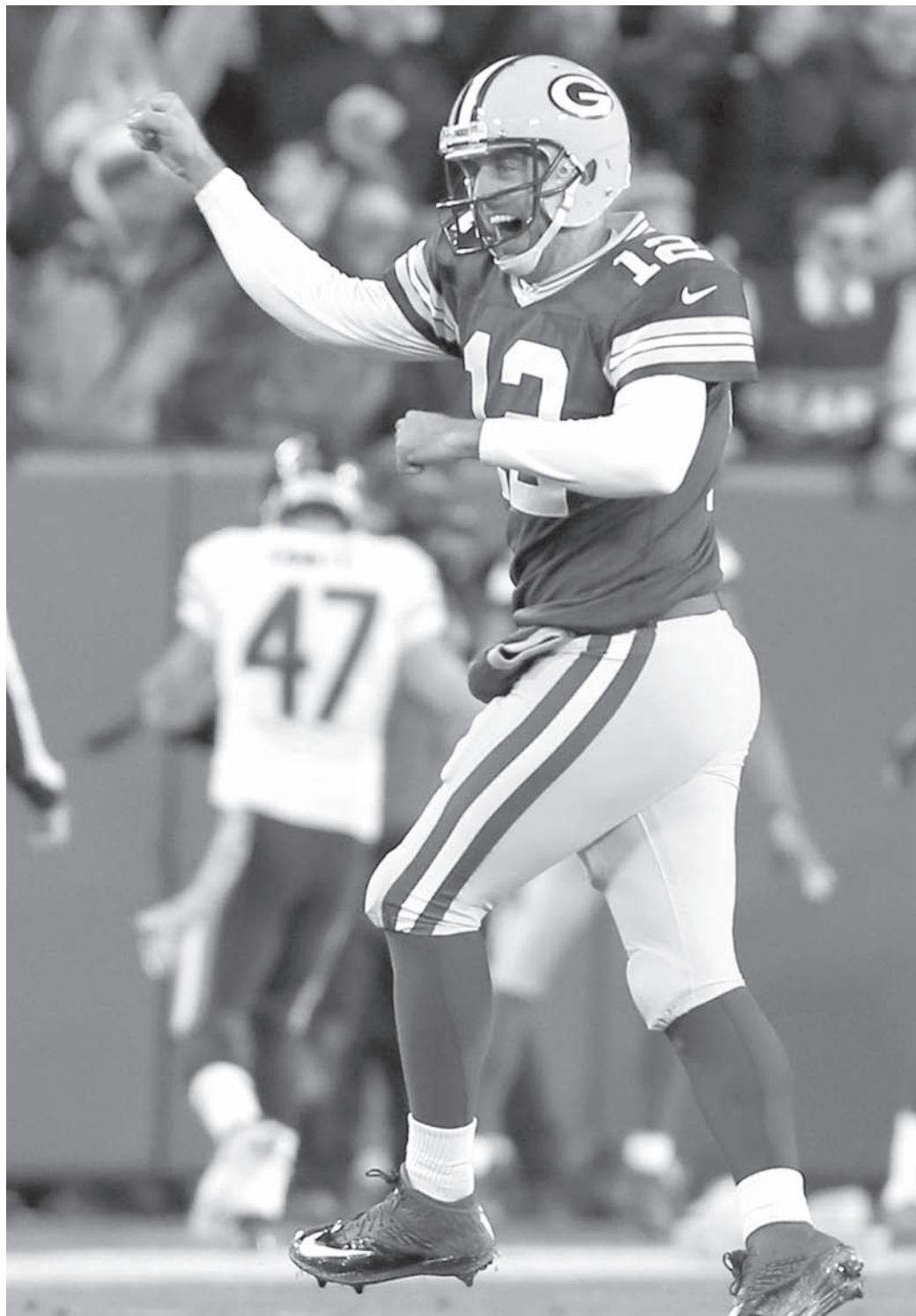
The victory snapped a two-game skid for the Niners (5-4) and marked the first home loss for the Saints (4-5) in more than a season.

The Saints had won their past 11 at home overall, and the past 20 at home including the play-offs, when coached by Sean Payton, who was suspended in 2012.

Brooks' decisive blow on a sack of Brees had to feel like poetic justice to the Niners linebacker. His unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on a vicious sack and strip in the Superdome a year ago allowed the Saints to pull out a late comeback victory in these teams' previous meeting.

Broncos 41, Raiders 17

In Oakland, Peyton Manning threw five touchdown passes in less than 17 minutes and the



Broncos handed the Raiders their 15th straight loss.

Manning threw a pair of early interceptions that put Denver (7-2) in a hole against the NFL's only winless team. That all changed with a short pass that C.J. Anderson turned into a spectacular 51-yard catch and run. The touchdowns didn't stop until Manning's day was done after three quarters.

Manning added two TD passes to Julius Thomas and two more to Emmanuel Sanders as the Broncos rebounded from last week's loss at New England by beating up on the Raiders (0-9).

Manning went 31 for 44 for 340 yards. He extended his record with at least two touchdown passes in 15 straight games and his streak of 48 games with at least one TD pass is third longest, breaking a tie with Johnny Unitas.

Cardinals 31, Rams 14

In Glendale, The Cardinals put together another dominant fourth quarter, but a the victory was dampened by an injury to quarterback Carson Palmer.

Palmer went down in the final period, then backup Drew Stanton and the Arizona defense rallied the Cardinals with three

touchdowns over a span of 3 minutes, 48 seconds.

Rookie John Brown's diving grab of Stanton's 48-yard touchdown pass put the Cardinals (8-1) up 17-14 with 7:40 to play. The pass came on the first series after Palmer hurt his left knee while trying to avoid the rush.

Palmer was able to walk off the field but a short time later was taken to the locker room on a cart.

Patrick Peterson got his first two interceptions of the season, returning the second 30 yards for a touchdown to make it 24-14. Moments later, Austin Davis fumbled and Antonio Cromartie returned it 14 yards for a score as Arizona outscored the Rams 21-0 in the fourth quarter.

Seahawks 38, Giants 17

In Seattle, Marshawn Lynch rushed for a season-high 140 yards and career-best four touchdowns.

Russell Wilson threw two interceptions, the Seahawks committed three total turnovers, and Eli Manning picked apart Seattle's secondary for the first half. It all didn't matter because of Lynch leading Seattle's unstoppable run game.

The 350 total yards rushing by Seattle (6-3) were a franchise

record and the most by any NFL team since Kansas City had 352 in 2012.

Lynch carried 21 times, but there was plenty of running to go around. Wilson added 107 yards on 14 carries and a 1-yard TD run with 5:19 left. Most of Wilson's runs were designed as New York (3-6) failed to keep contain.

Jets 20, Steelers 13

In East Rutherford, Michael Vick threw two touchdown passes and the Jets forced four turnovers while shutting down Ben Roethlisberger to end an eight-game losing streak.

Roethlisberger threw six touchdown passes in each of his last two games, and was playing in front of a MetLife Stadium crowd that appeared nearly half-filled with Terrible Towel-waving Steelers fans. But the Jets (2-8) wouldn't allow Roethlisberger to get into much of a rhythm.

Roethlisberger finished 30 of 43 for 343 yards and connected with Martavis Bryant for an 80-yard TD with 1:16 left. The Steelers (6-4) attempted an on-side kick, but Eric Decker recovered to seal it for the Jets—who avoided setting a franchise mark for consecutive losses.

^{AP}
Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers (12) celebrates a touchdown during the first half of an NFL football game against the Chicago Bears Sunday, Nov. 9, 2014, in Green Bay, Wis.

Jaiquawn Jarrett had two interceptions, a sack and a fumble recovery for the Jets, who hadn't won since beating Oakland in Week 1.

Vick, who became the first quarterback in NFL history to run for 6,000 career yards, threw touchdown passes to T.J. Graham and Jace Amaro. Vick was 10 of 18 for 132 yards and ran eight times for 39 yards.

Lions 20, Dolphins 16

In Detroit, Matthew Stafford led Detroit to another thrilling victory in the final minutes, throwing an 11-yard touchdown pass to Theo Riddick with 29 seconds remaining.

Calvin Johnson had seven catches for 113 yards and a touchdown in his first game back from an ankle injury, and the Lions (7-2) won their fourth straight game. Their past three victories have been by a combined six points, all with fourth-quarter comebacks.

The Dolphins (5-4) managed one touchdown — after they blocked a Detroit field goal attempt and Dion Jordan returned it deep into Lions territory. Miami's Ryan Tannehill threw for 201 yards, but it was Stafford who made the final big play, snapping a sidearm pass to a sliding Riddick in the back left corner of the end zone.

Chiefs 17, Bills 13

In Orchard Park, Anthony Sherman recovered a fumble to set up Alex Smith's 8-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter.

Jamaal Charles also scored on a 39-yard run as the Chiefs (6-3) scored twice in span of 4:31 to overcome a 13-3 deficit. The Chiefs' defense then made a stand at its 15 by forcing Kyle Orton to throw four consecutive incompletions and turn the ball over on downs.

Kansas City improved to 6-1 since opening the season with two losses. Charles finished with 98 yards rushing, while Smith went 17 of 29 for 177 yards.

Smith scored two plays after Sherman punched the ball out of the hands of Bills punt returner Leodis McKelvin and then pounced on the loose ball at Buffalo's 26. That wasn't the only Bills miscue in a game Buffalo settled for two field goals on four trips inside the Chiefs 20.

Marcell Dareus had three of Buffalo's six sacks.

Cowboys 31, Jaguars 17

In London, Tony Romo returned after missing last week because of a back injury and helped the Cowboys snap a two-game los-

ing streak by throwing three touchdown passes.

Originally hurt two weeks ago, Romo started for Dallas (7-3) and completed 20 of 27 passes for 246 yards against the Jaguars (1-9) at Wembley Stadium. This was the last of three regular-season NFL games this year in the British capital.

Romo threw a 2-yard touchdown pass to Jason Witten in the first quarter and then hit Dez Bryant for a pair of TDs in the second, the first from 35 yards and the second from 68. Romo finished with a season-high passer rating of 138.8.

DeMarco Murray ended up with 100 yards rushing on 19 carries and 31 yards receiving for Dallas. He had his record streak of eight straight 100-yard games to start a season snapped by the Cardinals last week.

Bryant gained all of his 158 yards in the second quarter, and did it by breaking several tackles on each touchdown catch.

Ravens 21, Titans 7

In Baltimore, Justin Forsett ran for 112 yards and two touchdowns to back a strong performance by the Baltimore defense.

The Ravens (6-4) bottled up rookie quarterback Zach Mettenberger, who went 16 for 27 for 179 yards and an interception in his first road start. He was sacked five times and rarely got the chance to comfortably plant both feet in the pocket.

Tennessee didn't get its initial first down of the second half until 4:37 was left in the game. Soon after that, newcomer Danny Gorrer intercepted a pass to clinch the victory.

The Titans (2-7) have lost seven of eight. It was 7-7 at halftime, but Tennessee had three three-and-outs in the third quarter while the Ravens took control.

Falcons 27, Buccaneers 17

In Tampa Bay, Matt Ryan threw for 219 yards and one touchdown, helping the Falcons stop a five-game losing streak that left the Bucs with a five-game skid of their own.

The Falcons (3-6) won for the first time since embarrassing their NFC South rivals 56-14 on Sept. 18, a game in which the Bucs (1-8) lost quarterback Josh McCown to a thumb injury.

McCown returned to Tampa Bay's starting lineup for the first time since loss, throwing for 301 yards and two TDs. His 1-yard pass to Austin Seferian-Jenkins put the Bucs ahead 17-16 early in the fourth quarter. But Ryan drove the Falcons down the field, throwing a 5-yard touchdown pass to Roddy White and a 2-point conversion to Harry Douglas.

Steven Jackson scored on a 1-yard run and Matt Bryant kicked four field goals for the Falcons.

Lakers beat Hornets for first win of season



LOS ANGELES (AP)—Purple and gold streamers descended from the ceiling and fans were on their feet applauding at the end.

The Los Angeles Lakers finally won a game after five straight losses to open the season.

"I know the city probably feels good about it," said Byron Scott, who got his first victory as Lakers coach after they rallied to beat the Charlotte Hornets 107-92 on Sunday night.

The party atmosphere didn't extend to the Lakers' locker room.

"They were all pretty quiet," Scott said. "What I said was, 'OK, that's one.'"

Kobe Bryant and Jeremy Lin each scored 21 points, and Carlos Boozer added 16 as the Lakers left Philadelphia as the NBA's only winless team at 0-7.

"We got to start somewhere," a subdued Bryant said.

Lin and Boozer's offense dominated the third, when the Lakers were down by seven before a 25-6 run sent them into the fourth leading 76-64.

It was a lead they never gave up.

"Mentally, it gives us the vision that we can win," Scott said.

Al Jefferson scored 23 points and Kemba Walker added 17 for the Hornets, whose two-game winning streak ended. Gary Neal added 10 of his 14 in the fourth off the bench and Lance Stephenson had 10 rebounds.

"The difference was that they made shots and we didn't. Kobe hit a couple of tough fades and

Lin hit a few," Neal said. "It doesn't matter that the Lakers were 0-5. Any time you have a Hall of Famer like Kobe, you always have a chance to win."

The Lakers scored 14 unanswered points in their dominating third-quarter run, including eight in a row by Boozer, whose jumper gave them their first lead of the game at 61-59.

The Hornets were held to five field goals in the third, and just two over the final 3:48, while getting outscored 34-13 in the period.

"We sat down on them defensively," Bryant said. "We flew around and made them take tough shots, made a conscious effort to post Booz early."

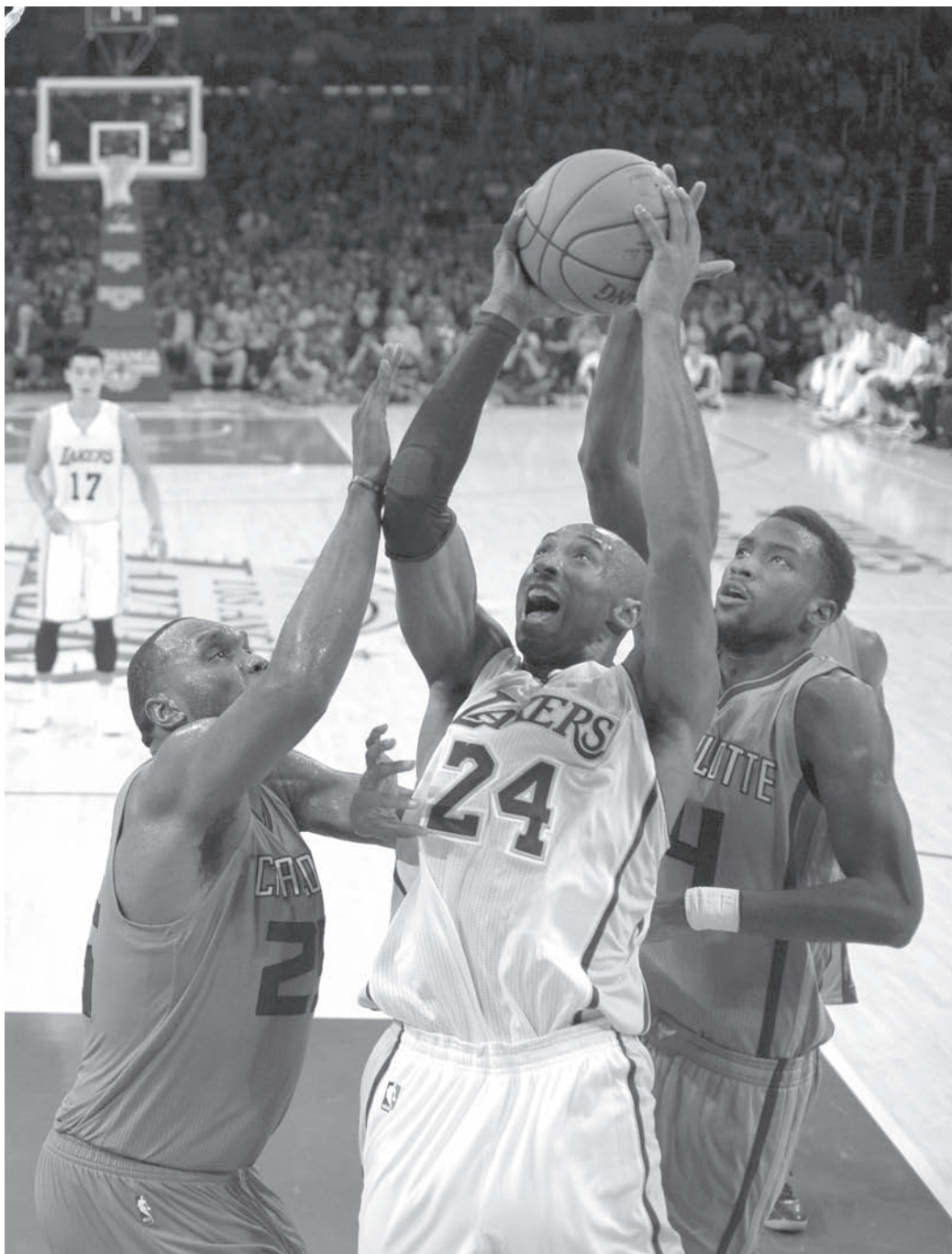
Bryant, prone to taking over games while his younger teammates watched, still put up the most shots (20) of any Laker, but he scored just nine points in the second half.

Bryant had one basket in the fourth, with six other Lakers contributing to the offense. Lin and Wesley Johnson hit consecutive 3-pointers that had the long-suffering crowd on its feet cheering a victory that wasn't in doubt.

"Guys weren't just looking to get the ball to Kobe and step out of the way," Scott said. "I talked to Jeremy before the game about being more assertive on both ends of the floor."

The Hornets got no closer than eight in the fourth, when the Lakers shot 62 percent.

"We stopped playing defense in the second half," Charlotte coach Steve Clifford said. "You could see our language starting to fade when we started missing shots and not playing defense."



Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant, center, puts up a shot as Charlotte Hornets center Al Jefferson, left, and forward Michael Kidd-Gilchrist defend during the second half of an NBA basketball game, Sunday, Nov. 9, 2014, in Los Angeles. The Lakers won, 107-92.

three of their last four.

Ty Lawson had 18 points for Denver after missing the team's 110-101 loss at home to Cleveland on Friday night because of a sore left ankle. Kenneth Faried led the Nuggets with 19 points.

Portland was coming off a 106-102 loss to the Clippers in Los Angeles the day before but showed no sign of fatigue, leading by as many as 17 points in the fourth quarter.

Thunder 101, Kings 93

In Oklahoma City, Reggie Jackson scored 11 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter to help Oklahoma City beat Sacramento.

Jackson scored eight points in the final 2:17, going 6 of 7 from the free throw line.

Jeremy Lamb scored 17 points, Serge Ibaka had 14 points, nine rebounds and four blocks, and Sebastian Telfair added 14 points for the Thunder (2-5). Though struggling without injured stars Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook, they improved to 2-1 at home.

Rudy Gay had 23 points, 10 rebounds and six assists, and DeMarcus Cousins and Ben McLemore each added 16 points for the Kings (5-2).

Jazz 97, Pistons 96

In Auburn Hills, Gordon Hayward scored 17 points, including four in the final 2 minutes, Derrick Favors added a double-double and Utah overcame a double-digit, second-half deficit to beat Detroit.

Brandon Jennings, who had 23 points, missed a floater from the free-throw line that could have given the Pistons the victory.

Favors finished with 16 points and 12 rebounds for Utah, while Enes Kanter had 14 points and 11 boards.

Monroe had 19 points and 11 rebounds for Detroit, and Andre Drummond added 11 points and 18 rebounds.

Nets 104, Magic 96

In New York, Bojan Bogdanovic scored a season-high 22 points to lift Brooklyn over Orlando.

Mason Plumlee added 12 points and 10 rebounds while Deron Williams and Kevin Garnett each had seven assists for Brooklyn (4-2).

Nikola Vucevic led the Magic with 27 points and 12 rebounds. Vucevic scored 17 of Orlando's 25 points in the third quarter as the Magic trailed 81-77 entering the fourth quarter. Evan Fournier scored 19 points.

Suns 107, Warriors 95

In Phoenix, Isaiah Thomas scored 15 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter to lead the Phoenix Suns to a come-from-behind 107-95 victory over the Golden State Warriors, leav-

ing the NBA with no unbeaten teams.

Fellow reserve Gerald Green added 16 of his 19 points in the final quarter, when the Suns surged ahead after trailing by eight through three.

Stephen Curry scored 28 points but just six in the second half, when he was plagued by missed shots and foul trouble. Curry, who entered tied for the NBA scoring lead, added 10 assists for his fourth double-double of the season.

Draymond Green added 22 points and nine rebounds for the Warriors (5-1), who played without Klay Thompson (sprained right hand).

Heat 105, Mavericks 96

In Dallas, Luol Deng scored a season-high 30 points, Chris Bosh and Dwyane Wade added 20 apiece and Miami stayed perfect against Dallas since the 2011 NBA Finals.

The Heat have won seven straight regular-season games against the Mavericks since Dallas took three in a row in the finals to capture its first championship.

Miami was without LeBron James in this rematch, while the Mavericks faced the Heat for the first time since the return of two important pieces from their title team, Tyson Chandler and J.J. Barea.

But Deng was the key off-

season acquisition that mattered most, going 13 of 19 from the field with five rebounds and four assists as the ball-moving Heat shot 55 percent to 42 percent for Dallas.

Monta Ellis led the Mavericks with 23 points.

Raptors 120, 76ers 88

In Toronto, DeMar DeRozan scored 24 points, Terrence Ross had 17 and Toronto routed winless Philadelphia for its sixth victory in seven games.

Lou Williams added 16 against his former team and Kyle Lowry had 14 as the Raptors, who are alone atop the Eastern Conference for the first time in their 20-year history. They were tied for first in November 2004.

Toronto set a season high in points against the 76ers, who were even worse defensively than when they allowed 118 points against Chicago on Friday.

Tony Wroten scored 18 points and Chris Johnson had 16 for the 76ers, who lost for the 70th time in their past 86 regular-season games.

Blazers 116, Nuggets 100

In Portland, LaMarcus Aldridge scored 28 points and Portland handed Denver its fifth straight loss.

Wesley Matthews added 21 for the Blazers, who have won

KC realistic about Shields, will take a look at Santana, Melky, Hunter



PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP)—The American League champion Royals improved their monetary fortunes with their run all the way to Game 7 of the World Series, and while they intend to speak to their ace James Shields, they are realistic about their chances. That is to say, they know they are almost nil.

The Royals' payroll, high for them at \$92 million last season, but still well below league average, is expected to be in the range of \$90-to-100 million again. But since they have little interest in spending more than 15 percent of their payroll on one player, they understand Shields will almost certainly be somewhere else next year.

That's OK, he served them well, for \$22 million over his two years in KC, helping them into contention the first year there, and all the way to the World Series in his second year. Even if as expected that was it for Shields in Kansas City, the

oft-criticized trade of big outfield prospect Wil Myers in the multi-player deal for Shields and Wade Davis, who turned into a relief star, has to be one of the better trades anyone's made in the past several seasons.

The Royals will take a look at another former Royal, Ervin Santana, who had a nice year for them in 2013 before bolting as a free agent last winter. Santana and Shields are both expected to turn down qualifying offers by Monday's deadline, but Santana should be significantly less expensive than Shields in free agency.

The Royals' other main need is in the outfield, and they'll consider yet another former Royal, Melky Cabrera for that role, though Torii Hunter seems to be of particular interest to them. The Royals pursued Hunter seven years ago when he signed a \$90-million, five-year deal with the Angels before going to the Tigers.

Kansas City will also weigh a return for Norichika Aoki,

but with him looking for a three-year deal, the other outfield options seem to be more in play at this point.

Meanwhile, the New York Yankees have signed outfielder Chris Young to a one-year contract, rewarding him after his strong run in September.

The Yankees announced the deal Sunday.

The 31-year-old Young started this year with the New York Mets and was released in early August after a season-long slump. He made his debut with the Yankees in early September and homered in three straight games, then stole home in another game.

Young hit a combined .222 with 11 homers and 38 RBIs for the Yankees and Mets last season.

Young has also played with Arizona and Oakland during nine seasons in the majors. He is a career .234 hitter with 155 homers, 486 RBIs and 130 steals, and was an NL All-Star in 2010.

Dream Team stops Runnin' Rebels

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Dream Team dominated the Runnin' Rebels in the second and third quarters to walk away with a 68-53 victory in their U21 division game in the 2014 BANMI Youth League last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Dream Team improved its record to 2-4 with two games left in the regular season, while the Runnin' Rebels also have the same mark, but absorbed their third straight defeat.

The Runnin' Rebels failed to go back on track as they played so-so offense in the next two periods after clinging to an 18-17 lead at the end of the first frame. The Runnin' Rebels combined for only 18 points in the second and third frames, while Dream Team had 27 to enter the fourth with a comfortable 54-35 advantage.

Dream Team doubled up the Runnin' Rebels in the sec-

ond canto, 21-10, with slasher Shane Deleon Guerrero leading the turnaround. Deleon Guerrero scored 8 points in the second frame, including three straight baskets early in that period, while big man Dino Palacios contributed 5. Three other Dream Team players made it to the board in the second quarter, while only Kevin Kabiriel scored more than one field goal for the Runnin' Rebels in that letdown. Edmond Borja, and Kenji Abobo, who combined for 9 points in the first period, were scoreless in the second.

The Runnin' Rebels' misery did not end in the second frame, as they were held to three field goals in the third canto and tallied only 8 points. Dream Team, on the other hand, registered 16 points to pad their lead. Jason Palacios took over in the third, drilling 10 of his 15 points to lift Dream Team to the 19-point advantage, going into the fourth canto.

Then in the final frame, Deleon Guerrero showed up anew and delivered the telling



blows, as he knocked in four straight baskets and added 10 more points. Deleon Guerrero went on to lead all scorers with his 22 points, while Borja paced the Runnin' Rebels with his 11 markers.

The league's U21 division is in the final stage of the round-robin regular season, but the official team standings have yet to be released, while the playoff format will be announced later.

Dream Team 68 – Deleon Guerrero 22, J. Palacios 15, D. Palacios 9, Camacho 4, Rabauliman 4, Sablan 4, Kautz 3.

Runnin' Rebels 53 – Borja 11, Peters 9, Nakashima 6, Ong 6, Laniyo 5, Kabiriel 4, Magofna 2.

Scoring by quarters: 17-18, 38-28, 54-35, 68-53.

Dream Team's Leonard Sablan goes up for a left-handed layup against KFC's William Camacho during an earlier U21 game in the BANMI youth league at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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New SBL
season to
start Jan. 12



Saipan Baseball League coordinator Tony Rogolifo is

asking all interested teams to begin their preparations for the upcoming season, which is tentatively set on Jan. 12.

The Francisco M. "Tan Ko" Palacios baseball field is ready to host the games after undergoing renovation thanks to funds donated by various generous contributors.

Rogolifo said teams should also start ordering their uniforms and check him for waiver forms that are already available at the NMSA office inside the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Entrance fee is \$1,000 and teams are allowed to submit a 25-member roster.

For more information, call Rogolifo at 234-6672. (Jon Perez)

8 Ball tries to keep lead in Thursday league



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IT&E Voyagers and Jokers Str8 Shooters players pose for a photo before playing in the SBA 8-Ball league last week.

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Smoke Pub Magic 8 Ball tries to keep its hold of the top ranking when the

2014 Saipan Billiards Association Budweiser Open 8-Ball Thursday league enters its final two weeks.

The Magic 8 Ball escaped with an 8-7 win over the Route33 Armatech Hustlers—its chief rival for the Thursday

division crown. The win improved the Smoke Pub-backed squad's record to 110-70 and in the process kept the Route33 side in second place with a 104-76 card.

The Hustlers, with their title hopes slowly slipping away, are

also not safe at second, as the Jokers Homeboyz are breathing down their necks, just four wins behind at third (100-80). The Homeboyz' upped their record to 100-80 after a 10-5 drubbing of the cellar dwelling Team SCS (57-123).

In other results last week, the Poseidon Titans (95-85) and National Alamo Car Rental (93-87) scored similar 10-5 wins over the lowly Barcode Breakers (65-115) and Wild Bill's (96-84), respectively.

Meanwhile, the Saipan TV Hustlers are hoping to match the Magic 8 Ball's feat in the Tuesday league.

The Hustlers completed a 9-6 decision over the Jonnys Crazy 8 for a 117-63 record or a four-game lead over the Jokers IT&E Voyagers, who hold a 113-67 mark.

At close third are the Jokers Str8 Shooters, improving to a 111-69 following a 10-5 trouncing of the Voyagers. Smoke Pub Sang&D'Gang was merciless against sister team Lancheras, 14-1, in the other Tuesday league match. The Crazy 8 (93-87), Sang&D'Gang (77-103) and Lancheras (29-151) complete the standings.

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ish in the men's 40-49, while Paul Cruz (59:06.44), Cesar Dano (1:03:21.66) and Toshikaki

Satake (1:05:36.69) finished 1-2-3 in the men's 50-59.

Lawyers Steven Pixley (1:05:07.50) and Joshua Berger (1:11:14.25) competed in the men's 60-69 category, while Daniel Han was the lone runner

in the 70-over division with a time of 1:33:20.53.

Kelsie Jaratt was the overall top female and 20-29 age division winner, as she crossed the finish line in 49:33, followed by Elaine Kwok (50:11) and Sakiko

Eda (50:57). So Young Cho (1:13:18) and Anna Michelle Napier (1:14:18) were the other runners in the 20-29 division.

Terra Allen (53:30) and Erica Sanford (1:07:54) finished second and third behind Kwok in

the 30-39 division, while Margaret Rose (57:14) and Jin Sook Lim (59:42) followed Eda in the 40-49 age group.

Suzy Kindel was the lone runner in the women's 60-69 category and timed in at 1:08:53.

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collected for the 2015 Pacific Games in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.

The long-time NMSA chief, however, declined to disclose other details of the agreement, like how much money would go to the Commonwealth's sports fund.

"The terms of the agreement are confidential. However, we

hope to raise enough funds to cover a substantial portion of the costs of participating in off-island events, such as next year's Pacific Games," White said in an email to the Saipan Tribune.

Sports governing bodies getting funds from revenues collected from bingo, casino, lottery, sweepstakes and other games of chance is not a new idea, as Australia, Guam, the Philippines and several other countries follow the same practice.

In the Philippines, the government allots 5 percent of the income generated by the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. from the casinos it operates, to finance the country's sports development programs.

In the CNMI, NMSA during the last fiscal year received appropriation from the government, but in the past years, as an independent organization it relied solely on funds given by private companies and other sponsors. NMSA and its mem-

ber sports federations also hold various fundraising activities to come up with the money needed to finance their trip to off-island tournaments and training.

Last year, NMSA took over the maintenance and management of the Oleai Sports Complex that houses the track and field facility, football field, Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium, and the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios and Miguel "Tang Ge" Pangelinan ballfields and will be needing additional

funds to get the job done.

The CNMI sports governing body is also at the forefront of the resurfacing of the Oleai track oval, hoping to bring back the Level II international certification given to the facility before. Once the project is done, the Commonwealth, through Northern Marianas Athletics, can proceed with its bid to host the 2017 Micronesian Regional Championships and then prepare for the 2021 Pacific Mini Games.

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pool," said Jeff Race of Whispering Palms, which ruled the elementary division of the annual event for the last nine years.

Whispering Palms fielded the most participants (40) in the weekend meet and was the favorite in the division.

"We participate in the All Schools meet every year to allow our student to have activities after school. Before every competition, we practice at the pool at least four times so they can get the feel of the meet, be comfortable, and gain confidence," Race added.

Race also said the turnout from Whispering Palms was their biggest in years and he was happy to see more schools sending several representatives to the competition to challenge the Terns.

"It's nice to see a lot of schools competing and the students cheering for their teammates during the races, whether their swimmer was ahead or behind," the Whispering Palms mentor said.

Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School, Saipan International School, and William S. Reyes Elementary School were Whispering Palms' tough foes for the elementary division crown. Eucon International School, Grace Christian Academy, Saipan Community School, Koblerville Elementary School, Seventh Day Adventist and Brilliant Star also fielded swimmers in the weekend.

In the middle school, participants were from Hopwood Junior High School, SIS, SCS, GCA, and Tanapag Middle School, while Marianas High School students led participants in the high school division and battled representatives from Mt. Carmel School, GCA, and SIS.

2014 BANMI Youth League U14 Finals

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A Rollers player, left, challenges the defense of the Ol'Aces' Kimo Angailen.



The Rollers players and coach Joe Diaz, front row left, pose for a photo after beating the Ol'Aces, 53-30, in the U14 division finals of the 2014 BANMI Youth League last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



Members of DYS pose for a group photo with coach Edsel Mendoza after beating Tinian, 45-41, in the battle for third place.



The Ol'Aces pose with their runner-up trophy.



The Rollers' Angelo Factor, center, is joined by his family after receiving the finals MVP award.



Tinian players and coaches pose with their trophy.



Aaron Ogumoro, center, is joined by his mother, left, and BANMI board director Abner Venus after receiving the scoring champion and regular season MVP awards.



The Rollers' Aaron Ogumoro, center, tries to score against the defense of Greg Sablan of the Ol'Aces, while their respective teammates look on.



A Rollers player tries to maintain control of the ball, while being chased by an Ol'Aces player.



The Rollers' Aaron Ogumoro, second left, tries to get past the defense of the Ol'Aces' EJ Abejo, left, and Kimo Angailen.



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Road Runners IV rules PIC relay

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Youngster Seiya Eda led the Road Runners IV to victory in the 4X20-kilometer event in the Pacific Islands Club Road Race held last Saturday.

Eda, a Saipan Southern High School student and one of the runners to watch in the upcoming All Schools Cross Country finale, was the second runner on the team and rounded the 5K course after veteran Jack Kabiriel. Northern Marianas Athletics secretary general Robin Sapong, despite feeling under the weather, was third in the order, while Dylan Ackerman finished the race for the Road Runners IV. The quartet had a combined time of 1:47:50, which is 13:40.12 ahead of the runner-up team composed of Kaity Mattos, Rachel Epperson, William Schroeder, and Steven Beyer.

The mixed team of Mattos, Epperson, Schroeder and Beyer registered a combined time of



Robin Sapong, right, heads out to the 5-kilometer course after being tagged by teammate Seiya Eda in the relay event in the Pacific Islands Club Road Race last Saturday.



Charlie Sendin slows down as he nears the finish line of last Saturday's PIC Road Race.

2:00:40.12, while the all-PIC employee squad of Raymond Tolentino, James Abuy, Rommel Bartolo and Jackie Van Natta came in third at 2:13:22.50. The Bautistas—Charles, Karl and Keil—with Solomon Henderson were the fourth team to complete the race at 2:20:18.06.

The 5K relay event had teams heading north and making a U-turn at Triple J Wholesale in Chalan Kanoa before heading back to PIC. The first runner then tagged the next runner and the race ended after all four members of the team rounded the course.

Meanwhile, Commonwealth Health Center employee Keith Longuski topped the men's 10K and 30-39 division race (55:20.69), beating Charlie Sendin (58:12.94) and Yuichi Kobayashi (58:36.91).

Haruya Eda (1:10:49.97) and John Michael Navarro (2:11:29.38) were the only two runners in the men's U14 category, while Marlon Garde (1:04:33.41), Paul Long (1:07:15.38) and Shawn Napier (1:12:47.15) were the Top 3 finishers in the 20-29 division.

Nathaniel Eugenio (1:05:49.44), Ariel Lansangan (1:07:00), and Ernesto Moises (1:07:36.69) took the Top 3 fin-

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All Schools meet draws over 100 swimmers

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More than 100 swimmers fought cold brought by the scattered showers last Saturday morning to participate in Saipan Swim Club 21st All Schools Swimming Championships at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool. "We had a huge turnout despite the rain and we're thankful to the students, the school officials, and the volunteers for joining the All Schools meet," SSC head coach Jacoby Winkfield said.

"This meet is more than competition. It's about getting students together to represent their schools and develop camaraderie with their fellow students. The meet is also our way of promoting the sport to schools, generating more interest in swimming, and encour-



Eucon International School's Mark Chavez gasps for air as he competes in the 50m freestyle race in last Saturday's SSC All Schools meet at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

aging the kids to come out and get involved in activities that are beneficial to their health," Winkfield added.

Official results in the elementary, middle school, and high school divisions are still being

tabulated and will be reported later this week. Participants competed in individual races and relays and winners in each division will be determined by the rankings of swimmers from the various events.

"If we win again, that's great. If not, that's fine. We don't put much emphasis on winning, we just wanted to get maximum participants from the students and let them have fun in the

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NMSA hopes to raise funds from scratch card

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The Northern Marianas Sports Association is hoping the scratch card lottery system would pump in additional funds to the CNMI's sports arm.

NMSA, during its monthly meeting last week at the conference room of the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium, announced that it signed an agreement with Pacific Lotteries of Australia on Oct. 21 to become the distributor of the scratch card tickets in the Commonwealth. Scratch cards are a type of instant lottery game where you rub off a thin layer covering the ticket that has a hidden number or prize money. As much \$1,000 in cash prize can be won in each card.

Funds from the scratch card will be used to defray the costs of NMSA's daily operations and at the same time assist the off-island trips of the CNMI's various national teams.

White said they are aiming for a mid-December launch of the lottery so that CNMI athletes can use the money to be

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White